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Malkin paces Pens

Evgeni Malkin continued his hot streak as the Penguins finally beat the Flyers. **1B**

Winehouse, Hancock big winners

Herbie Hancock received the Grammy for album of the year. Stuck in England, Amy Winehouse won five Grammy Awards. **7B**

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A doughnut sale topped Valley Weekend. **8A**

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NFC wins

Ben Roethlisberger threw for a touchdown, but the Steelers' quarterback and his AFC teammates could not hold NFC in the Pro Bowl. **1B**

Irish beat Pitt

Charel Allen scored six points and grabbed six rebounds for Notre Dame, which defeated Pitt in South Bend. **1B**

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- Althea P. "Tee" Bussey, 86, Eighty Four (Ontario)
- William R. Core, 80, Belle Vernon, formerly of Long Branch and Charleroi
- William A. Karlosky, 79, Yardley, formerly of Monessen
- Frank Krall Jr., 66, Wickhaven
- Genevieve "Jennie" Pressburger, 89, Roscoe (Stroal Acres)
- Julia A. Rauscher, 97, Monessen

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Poll: U.S. in recession

People are worried about job loss, stock prices and retirement accounts.

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON – Empty homes and for-sale signs clutter neighborhoods. You've lost your job or know someone who has. Your paycheck and nest egg are taking a hit.

Could the country be in recession?

Sixty-one percent of the public believes the economy is now suffering through its first recession since 2001, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll.

The fallout from a depressed housing market and a credit crunch nearly caused the economy to stall in the final three months of last year.

Some experts, like the majority of people questioned in the poll, say the economy actually may be shrinking now. The worry is that consumers and businesses will hunker down further and pull back spending, sending the economy into a tailspin.

"Absolutely, we're in a recession," said Hilda Sanchez, 44, of Waterford, Calif.

Squeezed by high energy and food bills, "we can't afford the things that we normally buy," she said. "We are cutting corners in our spending. For our groceries, we are buying a lot of generic and we are eating out less."

For many, the meltdown in the housing and mortgage markets has proved especially disturbing. Record numbers of people were forced from their homes, unable to afford the monthly loan payments. People watched their single biggest asset fall in value, a reason to tighten the belt.

"Obviously the housing market is creating deep concern. And one of the real problems could be that if people, as a result of their value of their homes going down, kind of pull in their horns," President Bush said in a television interview aired Sunday.

Credit has become harder to obtain, thwarting would-be home buyers, adding to the glut of unsold homes and aggravating the housing industry's woes.

"For-sale signs are everywhere. In my area, 35 to 40 homes are

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Fluoride proposal sparks debate

Dentists want the compound added to water. Others claim it is both costly and unsafe.

By BOB STILES
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The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County won't add fluoride to its drinking water unless a bill in the state Legislature becomes law.

The measure would require all public water suppliers with 500 or more customers – such as the Westmoreland authority – to add fluoride. It is the first time in nearly 20 years a bill attempts to make water fluoridation mandatory in Pennsylvania.

That has drawn objections from some groups, including township supervisors who say the decision should be up to them.

"Our position is a very simple one: We do whatever the state requires us to do, and currently the state does not require public-water suppliers to add fluoride to water," said Chris Kerr, authority manager. "If they require us ... we'll do it immediately."

The bill, under review in the state House Appropriations Committee, is being pushed by the Pennsylvania Dental Association as a safe way to reduce tooth decay.

Other groups question the safety of adding the compound to water.

Still, Dr. Jon Johnston, president of the state dental association and a Punxsutawney dentist, said studies show that fluoride added to water in proper amounts helps to prevent tooth decay for all ages.

"All the studies that have been done – scientifically controlled ones – show it's safe at levels of 0.7 to 1 part per million," Johnston said.

He fluoride prevents makes tooth enamel harder and more resistant to acids that cause decay.

Johnston said the average cost of fluoridate water ranges from 50 cents to $3 per person per year.

Most medical and dental organizations support the addition of fluoride to drinking water. They include the American Dental Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Medical Association and the World Health Organization.

Officials at the state Department of Environmental Protection believe that fluoride added to water in proper levels is safe, said spokeswoman Helen Humphreys. The agency oversees public water suppliers.

The House bill sponsored by Rep. Stephen Barrar, a Delaware County Republican, notes that the CDC calls water fluoridation "one of the 10 most significant public health achievements of the 20th century."

But others, including environmental groups and believers in holistic health, reject fluoride's

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Evan Sanders/For The Valley Independent

Quinn Bradburn 2, of Belle Vernon, works on her snowman Saturday during Winterfest at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Steadily dropping temperatures and gusting winds marked the weekend weather. Allegheny Power crews worked to restore power to more than 1,600 Mon Valley customers. More than 130 customers in Perryopolis remained without power because a tree hit a power line this morning. The cold temperatures will give way to winter precipitation that could include up to 3 inches of snow Tuesday before changing to rain and then back to snow by the evening. Snow Wednesday will give way to sun by Thursday, according to the National Weather Service.

State could face another budget fight

The gulf between Rendell's plan and the House GOP version is a foreboding sign.

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG – Dozens of House Republicans greeted Gov. Ed Rendell's sixth budget proposal last week with a plan of their own, suggesting the state adopt a "no growth" budget that restricts spending to this year's level.

That would be more than a billion dollars below the Democratic governor's $28.3 billion spending plan. The gap would widen by hundreds of millions more if legislative priorities left out of Rendell's budget are returned.

The gulf between the two is an ominous sign that the partisan brinksmanship that has characterized budget talks during the Rendell era could return with a vengeance this summer.

There are other reasons for pessimism. Rendell has renewed his push for policy priorities the Legislature has previously rejected or ignored. A recession could dry up state tax revenues. And the fall presidential and legislative campaigns are already intensifying the political posturing in Harrisburg.

Rendell's people say spending has grown for many reasons that are beyond their control, such as federal mandates, a boom in the number of state prisoners and the burgeoning cost of providing medical care.

They say Pennsylvania's increases compare favorably to those in other states. They also

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Debt enters turnpike lease discussion

Commission officials claim the situation could drive down the price.

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HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's mounting debt will lower the price a private company is willing to pay for a long-term lease of America's first superhighway, a turnpike legal adviser said.

The turnpike's projected $3 billion debt "comes right off the top" of the probable lease price, said Alan Wohlstetter, an attorney with Cozen O'Connor, a Philadelphia law firm hired by the turnpike.

The turnpike's debt is $2.2 billion. Under Act 44, a state transportation funding law enacted in July, the debt will hit $2.9 billion by the end of this year, turnpike officials say. With $120 million required to close out other financial obligations, the debt will exceed $3 billion, Wohlstetter said.

"(A private bidder) will say, 'Instead of $15 billion, I'll give you $12 billion' " for the lease, he said.

The turnpike's debt is increasing as part of the law to provide more money for roads, bridges and transit statewide. The turnpike borrowed $531 million in October to cover the quarterly payments it makes to PennDOT under Act 44. Another $700 million will be borrowed in April, turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo said.

"If there's a lot more debt, it counts against what (private companies) would bid," said Peter Samuel, publisher of tollroadsnews.com. "But it depends how

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VALLEY PEOPLE

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standing there and aren't even complete. There aren't any buyers," said Jim Sims, 60, of Greer, S.C.

Nanette Dahlin, 52, of St. Louis Park, Minn., called the situation "very scary."

She said friends in Madison, Minn., put their home up for sale recently and reduced the asking price more than $100,000 in just a week.

For all of 2007, the economy grew by just 2.2 percent. That was the weakest performance since 2002, when the country was struggling to recover from the last recession. The housing collapse was the biggest culprit in 2007. Builders lowered spending on housing projects by 16.9 percent on an annualized basis, the most in 25 years.

The job market is faltering – a point driven home by a report showing that employers cut jobs in January for the first time in more than four years.

"The way things are, people are afraid of losing their jobs," Sanchez said.

Employment concerns are contributing to darker feelings about the economy and people's own financial well-being. Consumer confidence, as measured by the RBC Cash Index, dropped to a mark of 48.5 in early February. It was the worst reading since the index began in 2002.

A cooling job market along with high energy and food prices are taking a toll on paychecks. Workers' average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, fell 0.9 percent last year. In 2006, earnings grew by a solid 2.1 percent.

Wall Street is unsettled and as a result, people's nest eggs are not what they once were.

In fact, that was the top economic worry in the AP-Ipsos poll. Fifty-nine percent said they were worried "a lot" or "some" about seeing the value of stocks and retirement investments drop.

statements," Sims said.

By one rough rule of thumb, a recession occurs when there are two consecutive quarters – six straight months – when the economy shrinks. That did not happen in the last recession, though. The economy contracted in the first quarter of 2001, turned positive in the second quarter, shrank in the third quarter and turned up again in the final quarter of that year.

The National Bureau of Economic Research, the recognized arbiters for dating recessions, uses a more complicated formula. It takes into account such things as employment and income growth. By that measure, the last recession was in 2001, starting in March and ending in November.

Bush, citing some experts, said the U.S. was not in a recession, although he acknowledged "that the signs are troubling enough" to justify the $168 billion economic rescue plan that passed Congress this past week. The measure he intends to sign on Wednesday includes tax rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses.

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Yesteryear

Members of the Mon Valley Homing Pigeon Club are pictured in the mid 1980s. The photo was taken at the club, which is now the Shady Rest Nursing Home in North Charleroi. Paul "Packy" Tutena, a national pigeon Hall of Fame member is seated, third from left, and John Boda is seated beside him. Ed Verkleeren, of Belle Vernon, submitted the photo.

Weather

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 35 Low 25	High 32 Low 15	High 40 Low 22	High 42 Low 22	High 35 Low 22

Lease (FROM PAGE ONE)

they handle it."

Samuel noted that a bill by Republican Sen. John Gordner of Bloomsburg would allow a company to bid on the turnpike "free and clear" of debt – keeping the price high.

Matthew Brouillette, president of the Commonwealth Foundation, which favors privatization, said the turnpike's debt would be "folded into any deal that's made," and the impact would be minimal.

Brouillette contends it would be "fiscally irresponsible" for the turnpike to keep issuing bonds as efforts to lease the turnpike intensify this spring.

"I don't think we have a choice as long as it is law," said Bill Capone, turnpike communications director.

Gov. Ed Rendell, the No. 1 fan of a turnpike lease, is expected to present a bid to the General Assembly before lawmakers leave for the summer.

The Turnpike Commission is staunchly resisting a lease.

The portions of the 537-mile turnpike considered attractive in a prospective lease are the 360-mile "mainline" and 110 miles on the Northeast Extension, officials say.

The theory behind a lease is to invest the upfront payment from the winning bidder and use the interest to pay for highway, bridge and transit improvements. Rendell contends a lease can bring in more money than Act 44.

Last week, Gordner introduced legislation proposing to lease the turnpike in three segments. His bill would repeal Act 44, which includes Allegheny County's 10 percent tax on poured alcoholic drinks. Rendell said he would sign the bill as long as it replaces the money coming from Act 44.

Senate Majority Whip Jane Orie, R-McCandless, recently joined as a co-sponsor. Last year, she unsuccessfully proposed eliminating the Turnpike Commission.

Gordner wants to eliminate the Turnpike Commission and pass some of that authority – including debt – to the state Transportation Commission, which comprises lawmakers and gubernatorial appointees.

"There's tremendous interest in this," Orie said.

Money invested from a lease deal would pay off the turnpike's debt, said Josh Funk, a legal adviser to Gordner. The Transportation Commission would have the same investing power as the state's pension funds.

Fight (FROM PAGE ONE)

note that the commonwealth expects a surplus, while other states face crippling deficits.

Mary Soderberg, Rendell's executive deputy budget secretary, dismissed the zero-growth proposal as "political rhetoric."

Rendell has been able to push many of his initiatives through the Legislature despite facing at least one Republican-controlled chamber since he took office in 2003. He got a slots law to cut property taxes, big increases in education spending, borrowing for environmental programs and billions for public transit, roads and bridges.

But budget negotiations have been rocky, starting with a strategic blunder his first year, when he divided the budget into two pieces. Republicans who dominated the Legislature at the time happily passed the bare-bones first part, but it was nearly Christmas before the rest went through, imposing new taxes on personal income, cigarettes and cell phone use.

A year later the General Assembly endured an around-the-clock debate four days after the fiscal year ended before agreeing to increase state spending from $21.4 billion to $22.9 billion.

The third budget, a $24.3 billion plan, passed after Rendell agreed to sign a pay raise for lawmakers, judges and other state government employees in return for getting a budget that met his expectations. The pay raise was repealed a few months later amid a public outcry but remained politically toxic going into the 2006 elections.

In the run-up to the November 2006 vote, lawmakers agreed to increase spending to $26.1 billion. Large increases went to public schools and to create a new children's health insurance program. It was late again – by two days – and cut business taxes while expanding prescription drug coverage for seniors.

Rendell won a second term handily, Democrats took control of the House and state tax coffers bulged with a hefty surplus going into last summer's budget talks. But negotiations did not go well.

Rendell's second-term agenda included increasing the state's sales tax to cut property taxes and leasing the Pennsylvania Turnpike to fix roads, repair bridges and subsidize mass transit. He wanted health care for uninsured adults, an energy independence strategy and borrowing for a range of capital projects.

By the time the fiscal year expired, Rendell and Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, were trading insults – "reckless" vs. "irresponsible." A week later Rendell furloughed 24,000 state workers and shut down a host of governmental functions.

A day later they had a deal: a $27.2 billion spending plan that authorized tolls for Interstate 80 and higher turnpike fees to pay for the transportation needs.

The governor did not get the borrowing, energy and health insurance proposals he sought, but they were not forgotten. They were included in the $28.3 billion budget he proposed for the year that starts July 1.

To get what he wants, state spending will end up $7.6 billion higher than in the last budget passed by his GOP predecessor, Gov. Mark Schweiker. That would represent an increase of nearly 37 percent in six years, well more than double the inflation rate.

Flouride (FROM PAGE ONE)

use. They question its effects on the body and say water fluoridation is unnecessary because the compound can be obtained through toothpaste and other means.

They contend much of the fluoridated water is wasted because it is used for purposes other than drinking, such as watering lawns or washing cars.

"It's not safe," said Mike Ewall, of ActionPA, a group opposed to adding fluoride to drinking water. "It's not effective. It's costly, and it's not ethical."

The Westmoreland authority serves about 400,000 people, most in central Westmoreland County or eastern Allegheny County, and others in Fayette and Indiana counties, Kerr said.

Others supplying water to the area include the Pennsylvania American Water Co., with nearly 330,000 customers, most in Allegheny and Washington counties. About 287,000 of American's customers here receive fluoridated water, said company spokesman Terry Maenza.

John Hood, executive director of the Pennsylvania Rural Water Association, and Elam Herr, assistant executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors, said their memberships don't oppose the use of fluoride in water.

But they do oppose being forced to add it, they said.

Herr's group has objected to mandatory fluoridation for more than two decades.

"(Most supervisors) were all saying, If we want fluoride in our water supply ... then that's for us to make the decision," Herr said. "The state shouldn't mandate."

They believe adding fluoride will cost too much and could lead to more liability concerns, he said.

"And this is something that is not necessarily needed," Herr said.

Johnston said the choice can't be left to water suppliers. It has to be forced by law.

"There's not enough incentive for them to do it," Herr said.

Paul Zielinski, a quality and environmental management specialist with the Pennsylvania American Water Co., said his company either adds dry or liquid fluoride to its system at 1 part per million. A pump that carefully measures amounts is used, he said.

The level of fluoride is tested regularly, Zielinski said.

Maenza said the cost to set up a fluoridation system for a medium-size facility serving 1,300 to 4,000 customers is about $17 per household.

That cost reflects various equipment needed to add the substance, the chemical and labor.

Costs in subsequent years go down, Maenza said.

Valley briefs

Trial gets started in boy's shooting

Jury selection got under way today in a wrongful death lawsuit against two state troopers linked to the fatal shooting of a 12-year-old boy more than five years ago.

Michael Ellerbe was shot in the back while running from the two troopers, who had stopped him in a stolen SUV in Uniontown on Christmas Eve in 2002.

The boy's father filed the suit in 2003, accusing the troopers of using excessive force and other offenses.

The troopers say they feared the boy was armed, though it turned out he was not.

Man gets jail for embezzlement

An Allegheny County man has been sentenced to more than three years in a federal prison for stealing from a hospice care service where he was employed.

In addition to serving 37 months in prison, 44-year-old Kenneth Gerst Jr., of Whitehall, will serve 10 years of supervised release and pay more than $660,000 in restitution.

Gerst pleaded guilty in October to theft or embezzlement from a health care benefit program.

Federal prosecutors say that between September 2002 and January 2006, Gerst embezzled the money from Family Hospice and Palliative Care, where he worked as controller.

Gerst is accused of using the money for his own expenses.

Library displays singer's artifacts

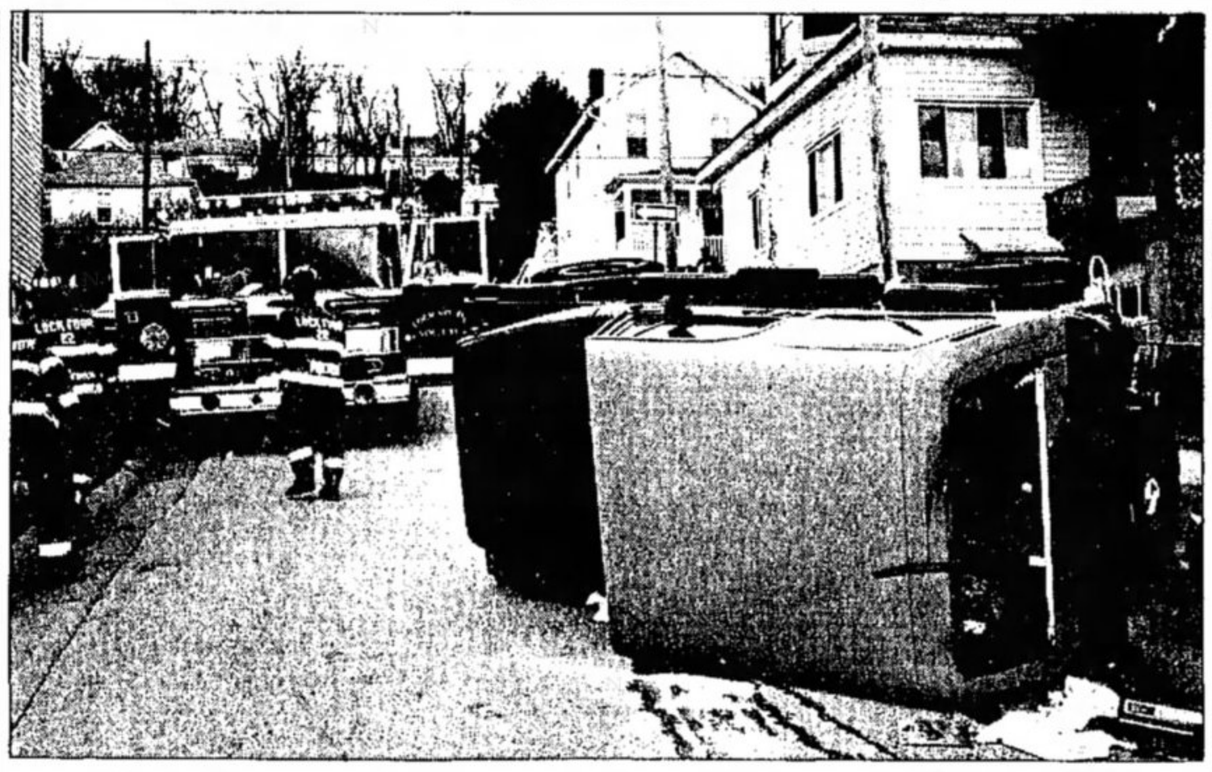
Ninety years after jazz singer Maxine Sullivan made her debut at the Carnegie Library in Homestead, library officials are unveiling a collection of memorabilia retrieved from her New York City home.

The small collection, including old photographs, slides and a White House birthday wish from Ronald Reagan, was retrieved from Sullivan's Bronx home after her death in 1987. Other material was donated to the Schomberg Museum in Harlem.

"So much of her contributions have gone unnoticed," Tyrone Ward, director of the Carnegie Library of Homestead, said. "Having these archives is great. In many ways, it's a reawakening of jazz as an art form in this area."

Some of the material is already on display in Homestead's library as part of the Black History Month. But in April, the library will officially put the items on display and host a concert to honor the singer.

Sullivan was born as Marietta Williams in Homestead on May 11, 1911.



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This vehicle overturned during an accident Saturday at the intersection of Sixth Street and Conrad Avenue in North Charleroi. Four vehicles, including two parked vehicles, were involved in the accident. Firefighters from Lock Four Volunteer Fire Department as well as Mon Valley Emergency Medical Service, and Pennsylvania State Police responded. No further information was available.

'You probably couldn't devise a loonier system'

That's what political scientist Terry Madonna thinks about the way Pennsylvania selects delegates to the national political conventions.

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It's deadline time in Pennsylvania.

Presidential candidates and their would-be delegates must file by Tuesday in order to appear on Pennsylvania's April 22 primary ballot.

Delegates - the party torchbearers who nominate candidates at national conventions this summer - could be critical, especially for Democrats if Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama remain in a tight race.

But arcane rules that dominate delegate selection make it an insiders' game for both political parties.

Even political scientist Terry Madonna, who has written about Pennsylvania politics for three decades, said he consults rule books to sort out questions about delegate elections.

"You probably couldn't devise a loonier system," Madonna said.

Although each party reserves a portion of its delegate slots for elected officials and individuals chosen by party leaders, both elect most of their Pennsylvania delegates by congressional district. Democrats will elect 103 of their 188 delegates in the primary; Republicans, 61 of their 74 delegates.

The similarities end there.

Republican delegates run uncommitted. They are elected based on a simple vote count, but it's anyone's guess who each candidate is supporting if there's still a contest.

"You just have to hope your party leadership is strong enough to do the right thing," said Allegheny County Republican Committee Chairman Jim Roddey, who has been a delegate at three conventions.

Would-be Democratic delegates can't get on the ballot without the blessing of candidates. The candidates forward their slates to the state.

Democrats identify delegate candidates on the ballot by candidate commitments, but there's nothing simple about the election. Democratic Committee staffer Shannon Billger said candidates are awarded delegates based on the proportion of the popular vote they receive.

After that, party officials use a system that considers both the delegates' vote totals and gender. Although it ensures presidential candidates receive a fair share of delegates, the formula is so complex that there are no guarantees a top vote count will catapult a would-be delegate to the convention.

Jack Treadway, chairman of the political science department at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, said Pennsylvania's delegate selection process rarely receives scrutiny because the state's late primary usually means the nomination is sealed before Pennsylvanians vote.

"But this year looks different," he said.

Valley review

A look at the week that was in the Valley

Here's a look at the top news happenings of the past week in the Mid-Mon Valley:

Rape suspect in court - A Donora man charged in the rape of a borough woman was ordered to stand trial following a preliminary hearing Wednesday in Washington County Central Court.

Vaughn Joseph Crews, 20, of 436 Seventh St. agreed to proceed with the hearing despite not having an attorney. The victim testified Crews entered her house on Jan. 23, wearing a werewolf mask, raped and assaulted her.

Another Carroll landslide - A Black Diamond family was able to stay in their home after a mud slide damaged it Wednesday morning.

Mud and debris from an adjacent hillside toppled into Skip and Angela Hemmings' home at 292 Black Diamond Hollow.

Carroll Township police Chief Paul Brand said about 3-feet of mud landed on the house.

The same hillside was affected when Columbia Road collapsed last year because of mine subsidence. The road sits above the hillside. Brand said the Bureau of Mines repaired Columbia Road.

Police raid house - Three North Charleroi residents were arrested after police raided their Conrad Avenue home late Tuesday.

Charles Evans, 22, Shannon Whitfield, 20, and Jason Evans, 18, all of 536 Conrad Ave., were each charged with former convict not to own a firearm, firearms not to be carried without a license, possession of a controlled substance, manufacture of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, North Charleroi police reported.

Police said they responded to a complaint of a man knocking on doors in the 500 block of Conrad Avenue. When police went to 536 Conrad Ave., Charles Evans answered the door and police observed a water pipe in the background and smelled a strong odor of suspected marijuana.

Serving a search warrant at the residence, police said they found 258 packets of heroin, 24 large bags of marijuana, $2,861 in cash, a loaded .38 caliber revolver under the couch in the residence, two safes and various drug paraphernalia.

Cops laid off - For the first time in more than 20 years, the Rostraver Township Commissioners had to furlough police officers to cut costs.

But the board expects the furloughs to be brief.

The commissioners Thursday approved temporary layoffs for full-time officers Mark Shemansky and Scott Abbott.

Shemansky has been with the force since April 2002. Abbot was hired in June 2003.

Board Chairman Nick Lorenzo said Friday the board had no choice but to cut the police force after an anticipated $126,000 budget carryover was depleted by unexpected costs late last year.

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DEATH NOTICES

BUSSEY — Althea P. "Tee" Bussey, of Eighty Four (Ontario), on Saturday, Feb. 9. Thompson-Marodi Funeral Home Inc., Bentleyville.

CORE — William R. Core, 80, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Long Branch and Charleroi, on Saturday, Feb. 9. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

JACOBS — Edna Jacobs, 91, of Dunlevy, on Friday, Feb. 8. Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., Belle Vernon.*

KARLOSKY — William A. Karlosky, of Yardley, formerly of Monessen, on Saturday, Feb. 9. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

KRALL — Frank Krall Jr., 66, of Wickhaven, on Sunday, Feb. 10. Blair-Lowther Funeral Home Inc., Perryopolis.*

PRESSBURGER — Genevieve Pressburger, 89, of Roscoe (Stroal Acres), on Friday, Feb. 8. Ed Melenyzer Funeral Homes Inc., Roscoe.*

RAUSCHER — Julia A. Rauscher, 97, of Monessen, on Sunday, Feb. 10. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

WILLIAMS — E. Genevieve Williams, 88, of Monessen, on Friday, Feb. 8. Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

*** See death notice**

William R. Core
Belle Vernon

William R. Core, 80, of Belle Vernon, formerly of Long Branch and Charleroi, died Saturday, February 9, 2008. He was born June 6, 1927, in Long Branch Borough, a son of the late Otho Wilson and Sarah Elizabeth Cawlishaw Core. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Charleroi and the Methodist Men, the Charleroi AARP Chapter 3478 and VFW Post No. 167 of Charleroi. Mr. Core was a World War II veteran, having served with the U.S. Army. Mr. Core was retired from Mellon Bank, Charleroi Branch. He is survived by his sister, Betty Edwards and husband, John, of the state of California; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Core was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Core. Friends will be received Monday, February 11, from 5 to 9 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 12, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Interment will be in Howe Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Edna Jacobs
Dunlevy

Edna Checchi Jacobs, 91, of Dunlevy, died Friday, February 8, 2008, in the Adult Assisted Living facility in Dunlevy. A daughter of Antonio and Rosa Parenti Checchi, she was born in Dunlevy on August 23, 1916. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Roman Catholic Church of Charleroi. A resident of Dunlevy her entire life, she, in 1953, married Robert R. Jacobs, who had been a burgess and mayor of Dunlevy. Together, they started a tradition of hosting and serving the veterans of the Mon Valley for a luncheon on Memorial and Veterans days. She continued this tradition for many years after her husband's death on July 11, 1986. Today, the traditional luncheon has been taken over by the ladies of the Dunlevy Recreation Committee. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Mary Jacobs, of Ft. Myers, Fla.; one grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Robert R. III and Rebecca Jacobs, of Nashville, Tenn.; two great-grandchildren, Henry Robert Jacobs and Harper Carolyn Jacobs, of Nashville, Tenn.; one brother, Edward Checchi, of Hawaii; one sister, Emma Goldsby, of Florida; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Robert R. Jacobs II, on December 27, 2007; three brothers, Elmo, Eleio and Elio Checchi; four sisters, Elnora Bucchianeri, Elia Haywood, Esilde Bussard and Eilidae Checchi; and one nephew, Elmo Checchi. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home on Wednesday, February 13, at 9:45 a.m. and proceed to Mary, Mother of the Church for a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. David Dzermejko as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

William A. Karlosky
Yardley
Formerly of Monessen

William A. Karlosky, 79, of Yardley, formerly of Monessen, died Saturday, February 9, 2008, in St. Mary Medical Center, Langhorne. He was born in Monessen, a son of the late William A. Sr. and Alberta Lhota Karlosky. He graduated from Monessen High School in 1946, where he was a member of the Greyhounds football team, playing end, and was selected to the Big 6 All-star Section Conference team. Mr. Karlosky was a loyal Monessen Greyhounds fan and an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan, as well. He was a member of the Fairless Hills Elks Lodge and retired from the U.S. Steel Fairless Works. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Carney Karlosky; son, Walter James Karlosky and wife, Nancy Jean, of Trenton, N.J.; daughter, Coreen Nicolai and husband, John, of Gouldsboro, Maine; sister, Mercedes Weber, of Ocala, Fla.; and niece, Joyce Fischer and husband, Mark, of Brandon, Fla. In addition to his parents, Mr. Karlosky was preceded in death by his nephew, Jeffrey Weber. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., (www.schrock-hogan.com), 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, where a blessing service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association or the St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Pa., in memory of William A. Karlosky.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frank Krall Jr.
Wickhaven

Frank Krall Jr., 66, of Wickhaven, Pa., passed away Sunday, February 10, 2008. He was born July 6, 1941, in Wickhaven, the son of Frank Krall Sr., of Wickhaven, and the late Florence Miltz Krall. Frank was a member of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Perryopolis and the Slovene National Benefits Society. Mr. Krall was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Frank retired from U.S. Steel, Clairton Works with over 30 years service. He was a very strong family man, loved to golf, and he tried to live life to the fullest. Frank will be greatly missed by his wife, family, grandchildren and many dear friends. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Lyons Krall; two sons, Frank Krall and wife, Theresa, and Jason Krall and wife, Laurie, all of Perryopolis; three grandchildren, Cory, Brendan, and Brianna Krall; and one sister, Leona Indof, of Charleroi. Friends will be received in the BLAIR-LOWTHER FUNERAL HOME INC., 305 Rear Independence St., Perryopolis, on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A prayer service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 9 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Bob Lubic as celebrant. Interment will be in West Newton Cemetery. A wake service will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Graveside Military Rites will be accorded by VFW Gold Star Post 7023 and American Legion Post 752, Perryopolis.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Genevieve Pressburger
Roscoe

Genevieve "Jennie" Pressburger, 89, of Stroal Acres, Roscoe, went to be with her Lord on Friday, February 8, 2008. She was born February 25, 1918, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Edward and Kazmira Pyzynski. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Roscoe and its Ladies Guild, the Charleroi Golden Agers and the AARP National. Jennie was retired from G.C. Murphy Co. of Charleroi with 23 years of service. Survivors include two sisters, Helen Luckasevic and Mrs. William (Eleanor) Sable, both of Charleroi; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William, on April 4, 2004; two brothers, Henry and Robert Pyzynski and wife, Mary; and one brother-in-law, Alex Luckasevic Sr. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, February 11, in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe, where a blessing service will be held Tuesday, February 12, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph R.C. Church at 10:30 a.m. with Fr. George Moneck officiating. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. On-line condolences will be accepted at www.melenyzerfuneralhomes.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Julia A. Rauscher
Monessen

Julia A. Rauscher, 97, of Monessen, passed away Sunday, February 10, 2008, in Jefferson Regional Medical Center. Born in Pittsburgh on October 31, 1910, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Louise Nuninger Brand. She was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church and its Ladies Guild and Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 776, the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Friends of the Monessen Public Library. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, George Rauscher; two sisters, Marie Weber and Helen Fitchett; and three brothers, Erine, Joseph and Harry Brand. She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Ralph "Buck" Henry, of Monessen; one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Jeannine Rauscher, of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren, Susan and Tim Shepelak, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ralph and Darcy Henry, of Monessen, David and Dar Henry, of Finleyville, Dominique Sheeter, of Dallas, Texas, and Richard Rauscher, of Manila; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Tuesday, February 12, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen (724-684-3700). A blessing service will be held Wednesday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen Meals on Wheels or the Monessen Public Library and District Center. Members of Epiphany Ladies will conduct services on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

E. Genevieve Williams
Monessen

E. Genevieve Williams, 88, of Monessen, died Friday, February 8, 2008, in UPMC Mercy, Pittsburgh. She was born in Rostraver Township on March 5, 1919, the daughter of the late William Charles Williams and Isabella Alice Hall Williams. She was a lifelong resident of Monessen and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Monongahela. Ms. Williams was a LPN, having worked as a private duty nurse. Aunt Genevieve was a loving and kind person who enjoyed being with her family and close friends. She will be sadly missed by all. Surviving are two nephews and three nieces, Walter Herbert Williams and wife, Sally, and Lyman Williams and wife, Nancy, all of Rostraver Township, Kay Henzler and husband, Hank, of Friedan, Pa., Darlene Crompton and husband, Joseph, of Columbia, S.C., and Laura Jean Sulla, of Carroll Township; great-nieces and nephews, great- great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great-great-niece. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Walter, Vernon, Edward, Arthur, Frank and Lyman Williams. Friends will be received Monday, February 11, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Tuesday, February 12, at 11 a.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 130 West Main St., Monongahela (Everyone i asked to meet at the church). Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Rudy Stanish, 'Omelet King,' dies at 94

Over time, the Yukon native became famous for his omelets.

By A.J. PANIAN
For The Valley Independent
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He only wanted to be known as a cook, never a chef. But his omelets made him a king.

Rudolph B. "Rudy" Stanish, 94, of Yukon, known as Western Pennsylvania's "Omelet King," died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at his home.

Stanish

He remained humble during a life spent preparing meals for dignitaries such as Prince Charles of England and Princess Diana, clothing designer Gloria Vanderbilt and philanthropists Paul and Bunny Mellon.

"Because Rudy said he never received the formal training required to be recognized as a chef, he would always say 'I'm just a domestic cook,'" recalled longtime friend George Shaner of Greensburg. "He said his training was more hands-on."

Stanish was born June 13, 1913, in Yukon, the son of the late Stephen and Maria Deskovitch Stanish.

He attended Yukon Public School until the eighth grade and then went to work for the Meyerhyman family in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood, where his interest in cooking first began at the age of 14.

In 1928, Mr. Stanish went to Newport, R.I., to work in the kitchen at Wakehurst, the Van Allen family summer cottage, where he worked with a staff of 23 domestic help and a French chef. He also trained there as a footman, butler and under valet, but always gravitated to the kitchen.

From 1936 to 1999, Mr. Stanish was employed as the cook for the brokerage house of Goldman Sachs in New York City. He was the evening cook for the Mellons at their New York City home. When free in August, Stanish often cooked at the Mellons' farm in Upperville, Va., for parties at times attended by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

It was in 1937 while at Wakehurst that Stanish devised a late-evening meal for guests that consisted of a variety of omelets.

The idea grew into Mr. Stanish's truest expression of culinary art, as he spent many days teaching others to make omelets and even published the book "Omelets, Crepes & Other Recipes" and patented his very own omelet cooking pan.

After 40 years working and living in the Big Apple, Stanish returned home to Yukon.

Over time, Stanish's omelets became famous and he served them for debutante balls, fundraisers, churches, museums and for those in need.

Survivors include a brother, Mike Stanish of Massachusetts. He was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Steve, Anthony and Samuel Stanish.

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Legion Post 212 to meet Tuesday

Ernest E. Jobes Post 212 American Legion, Donora, will have a meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday at the post.

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson, Monongahela

The following cases were brought before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson in Monongahela:

■ Matthew Warfield, 24, of 50 Maplewood Road, Vanderbilt, was charged with DUI and traffic violations Dec. 31 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

■ Gregory John Skinkus, 22, of 206 Valley St., Apt. B, Monongahela, was charged with two counts of manufacturing a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with evidence Dec. 12 by Donora police. The charges were held for court.

■ John Patrick Summers, 36, of 512 Park Ave., Monongahela, was charged with simple assault, resisting arrest and harassment Sept. 25 by Monongahela police. All of the charges were withdrawn and he pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

■ Donna Rodriguez, 45, of 987 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with harassment Nov. 18 by Donora police. The charge was dismissed.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 11

Today is Monday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2008. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 11, 1858, a French girl, Bernadette Soubirous, claimed to have experienced the first of 18 visions of a lady dressed in white in a grotto near Lourdes. (The Catholic Church later accepted that the visions were of the Virgin Mary; Bernadette, who died in 1879 at age 35, was canonized in 1933.)

On this date:

■ In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

■ In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

■ In 1861, President-elect Abraham Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

■ In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

■ In 1937, a 6-week-old sit-down strike against General Motors Corps. ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

■ In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

■ In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

■ In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

■ In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

■ **Ten years ago**: Attorney General Janet Reno asked for an independent prosecutor to investigate whether Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had misled Congress in connection with an Indian casino controversy. (The counsel, Carol Elder Bruce, found no wrongdoing on Babbitt's part.)

■ **Five years ago**: Addressing a historic rift within NATO, Secretary of State Colin Powell told a congressional hearing the future of the military alliance was at risk if it failed to confront the crisis with Iraq.

■ **One year ago**: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, marking the 28th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, vowed his country would not give up uranium enrichment.

Associated Press

In this photo provided by the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates talks with Iraqi government officials during an unannounced visit Sunday in Baghdad.

U.S. may need to pause in drawdown of troops

Defense secretary made it clear President Bush will have the final say.

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FALCON, Iraq (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates today endorsed, for the first time, the idea of pausing the drawdown of U.S. forces from Iraq this summer.

"A brief period of consolidation and evaluation probably does make sense," Gates told reporters after meeting with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq. Petraeus has indicated in recent weeks that he wants a "period of evaluation" this summer to assess the impact on Iraq security of reducing the U.S. military presence from 20 brigades to 15 brigades.

Of that five-brigade reduction, only one has departed thus far. The last of the five is to be gone by the end of July.

In his remarks at this U.S. base in southern Baghdad, Gates said Petraeus had given him his view on the drawdown, which some fear could result in giving up some of the security gains of recent months.

In endorsing Petraeus' suggestion of pausing after July, Gates made it clear that President Bush would have the final say. Until now it had been unclear how Gates felt about the idea of a pause; he had said publicly a number of times that he hoped conditions in Iraq would permit a continuation of the drawdown in the second half of the year.

In his remarks here, Gates indicated that he had begun some time ago to lean in Petraeus' direction.

"In my own thinking I had been kind of headed in that direction as well," Gates said. "But one of the keys is how long is that period (of pause and evaluation) and then what happens after that."

Although Petraeus and other senior commanders in Iraq had been suggesting the possibility of a pause in the drawdown, the idea runs counter to those in the military — particularly in the Army and Marine Corps — who worry that strains on troops from long and multiple combat tours will grow worse unless the drawdown continues after July.

In a ceremony earlier at Camp Victory, Gates presented Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the No. 2 commander in Iraq, with a Defense Distinguished Service Medal for his accomplishments in Iraq.

Gates said Odierno, working under Petraeus, "combined classic counterinsurgency with approaches that broke new ground in the history of warfare." Gates recalled that when Odierno took command in December 2006, conditions in Iraq were described by some as a civil war.

"Those early months were tough times," Gates said. "Casualties were high. There were questions in the United States and around the world whether this new strategy — or any strategy, for that matter — would be able to make a real difference. What a difference you made, and much more — al-Qaida routed, insurgents co-opted, levels of violence of all kinds dramatically reduced."

Still, Gates said, "The situation in Iraq continues to remain fragile."

Odierno is departing after 15 months in charge of the headquarters that carries out Petraeus' strategy on a day-to-day basis.

Car bombs strike near politician's compound

A separate attack killed 34 people near Balad.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Twin car bombs struck near the compound of one of Iraq's most powerful Shiite politicians today, killing at least six civilians and wounding 20, police and hospital officials said.

A dense cloud of black smoke rose over the offices of Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the leader of the country's largest Shiite party, the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, or SIIC. More than dozen cars were destroyed in a blackened area, and a brick building was blown apart.

Police said the bombs were planted in cars lined up at a gas station nearby.

The blasts ripped a crater two yards wide in the asphalt. Television footage showed a soldier and a civilian being led away from the scene, pressing cloths to their bloodied heads as sirens wailed around them.

South of the capital, U.S. soldiers captured a suspected Shiite militia commander and one other suspect Monday in the latest of several days of raids in Shiite holy cities.

The arrests and violence came a day after car bombs and gunmen struck new U.S. allies, police and civilians in northern Iraq, killing as many as 53 people in a spasm of violence that coincided with a visit by U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates to Baghdad.

The deadliest of Sunday's attacks was near Balad, where Iraqi police and hospital officials said a suicide trucker killed 34 people near a checkpoint manned jointly by Iraqi police and U.S.-backed security volunteers. The American military, however, put the death toll at 23.

Also today, the U.S. military announced the death of an American soldier, killed in a roadside bombing a day earlier.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

Armed robbers steal $100 million in art

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Armed robbers have stolen art worth $100 million, including works by Monet and van Gogh, from a Zurich museum, police said today.

The Zurich police said the robbery took place Sunday. Also among the works stolen were oil paintings by Cezanne and Degas.

East Timor leader critical after attack

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Rebel soldiers shot and critically wounded East Timor's president and opened fire on the prime minister today in a failed coup attempt in the recently independent nation. A top rebel leader was killed during one of the attacks.

President Jose Ramos-Horta, a Nobel Peace laureate, was injured in the stomach. He was flown to a hospital in Australia in an induced coma, breathing through a ventilator, a spokesman for the company that airlifted him out of East Timor said.

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao escaped an attack on his motorcade unhurt.

Army spokesman Maj. Domingos da Camara said rebel leader Alfredo Reinado and one of his men were killed in the attack on the home of Ramos-Horta, while one of the president's guards also died.

"I consider this incident a coup attempt against the state by Reinado and it failed," Gusmao said. He called it a well-planned operation intended to "paralyze the government and create instability."

Astronaut sick; spacewalk goes on

HOUSTON (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts geared up for a spacewalk today that NASA said would remain unchanged despite a last-minute switch in crew for medical reasons.

"The only difference is who's going out the hatch," said flight director Mike Sarafin.

The primary purpose of the spacewalk is to help install the European lab, Columbus, that Atlantis ferried to the international space station.

The crew woke up today to the Steve Miller Band's "Fly Like an Eagle," a tribute to astronaut Leland Melvin, who will use a robotic arm to pull Columbus from Atlantis' cargo bay and attach it to the station. Melvin thanked his sister for the dedication.

"She lets me know that I can fly like an eagle, which we're doing overhead right now," he said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Sunday's game.

Lottery officials said 93 players matched four numbers and won $164.50 each; 3,179 players matched three numbers and won $8 each; and 35,386 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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DAY PICK 3:	7-9-6
NIGHT PICK 3:	2-3-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	0-7-7-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	6-3-1-4
TREASURE HUNT:	3-9-22-27-30
CASH 5:	19-20-37-38-39
POWERBALL:	4-23-24-30-43
Powerball:	28 Powerplay: 5
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
DAY/NIGHT PICK 3:	2-3-4 6-1-7
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-7-2-5
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	0-5-9-3
TREASURE HUNT:	5-17-20-23-24
CASH 5:	9-15-22-23-29

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
DAY PICK 3:	2-4-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-9-9
DAY PICK 4:	2-8-0-0
NIGHT PICK 4:	6-7-7-6
ROLLING CASH 5:	5-16-19-22-32

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9	
DAILY 3:	1-6-0
DAILY 4:	7-7-8-5
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OUR OPINION

Reform our state's business tax

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Our state may be lagging in other areas, but we're number one when it comes to the cost of government and the size of our business tax.

Pennsylvania currently taxes a corporation's net income at 9.99 percent — more than any other state — and that figure has business leaders petitioning Harrisburg for a change.

Their pleas may be falling on deaf ears in the governor's office, but they have found an ally in Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Bradford Woods. Turzai has sponsored three business-tax reform bills that are awaiting their hearings in the state House.

Taxes on businesses are calculated at 70 percent on a company's sales, 15 percent on assets and 15 percent on payroll. Therefore, a company based in Pennsylvania that employs state residents is taxed at a higher rate than an out-of-state firm that merely sells its wares in the state.

David Patti, president of the Harrisburg-based Pennsylvania Business Council points out the absurdity of the current policy, saying, "The more assets and payroll you have here, the higher the tax."

The business council wants to follow the lead of 11 other states, where the corporate net income tax is based on sales alone.

Predictably, Gov. Rendell is reluctant to endorse any cut in corporate taxes. Throughout Rendell's tenure, tax increases have moved quickly through Harrisburg, while reforms and reductions have been sidetracked.

Pennsylvania needs both reform to its business tax laws and a no-strings-attached tax cut that would encourage more companies to locate in our state and create more jobs for our people.

It's no accident that Pennsylvania ranked 42nd in economic competitiveness in the 2007 National Tax Foundation's corporate tax index.

There is a simple way to attract jobs and build a solid economic framework, but it remains a mystery to the people running the state today.

ANOTHER VIEW

South (Fort Lauderdale) Florida Sun-Sentinel, on the Army and the increase of soldier suicides:

The U.S. Army can truthfully say they've tried to do something about suicide among soldiers.

They made changes to mental health programs after it was found that the military was failing to adequately screen troops with psychological problems. There has been more training, more hiring of mental health professionals, closer monitoring of troops on psychiatric medications.

All this, however, isn't enough.

In 2007, at least 121 soldiers committed suicide, an increase of 20 percent over the previous year. At least 30 U.S. soldiers killed themselves in Iraq.

Obviously, troops are in stressful situations. But it is not just the stress of actual combat causing the uptick in suicides.

Repeat and lengthier deployments three and four tours of duty are not unheard of are a factor, as the U.S. military continues to fight wars on two fronts. There is the stress caused by fractured relationships back home. Undoubtedly there is stress caused by worry over job and money situations once a soldier comes home. ...

We spend billions sending troops into hellacious situations. The least the government can do is take care of them while they are there and when they come back.

Politicians who like to orate about "supporting the troops" should make sure it gets done.

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Pursuing the prize

Charley **REESE**

To state the obvious, voting is the process by which we choose our leaders. What may not be so obvious is that the only alternative to ballots is to choose leaders with bullets. None of us wants that.

Therefore, we all have to put aside our particular complaints about the current system of political campaigning and vote anyway. I have friends who say they are no longer going to vote for the lesser of two evils and will stay home. That's a choice, but in my opinion it isn't a good one.

We are going to be governed, and if we don't participate, then others will decide the question to suit themselves. An Israeli poet once said modern man has to learn to distinguish between degrees of evil. "Evil" is too strong a word to apply to our presidential candidates. I don't think any one of them is evil. But there are degrees of competence and degrees of agreement with our own political beliefs.

What would be the difference between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton? Between either of them and Mike Huckabee or John McCain? That's the question we have to answer with the election.

I believe any of them will be an improvement over George W. Bush. I think that when the twin towers were wrecked, the presidency of Bush was wrecked along with them. He seemed to become obsessed with being a wartime president despite the fact we are not at war in any historical or legal sense of that word. We were attacked by a gang of criminal terrorists, and they got lucky and drew a lot of blood. But not one of all the sovereign states on the planet had attacked us or even threatened to attack us.

We had a gang of terrorists to go after, a task best handled by intelligence and special operations forces. Bush instead chose to make conventional war against two sovereign states, and here we are five years later still bogged down in both countries. American blood loss may have been reduced temporarily, but the treasury is still hemorrhaging. Right now, the greatest danger we face is economic.

I believe the real reason we attacked Iraq was to put us in a position to sit on its oil. The oil reserves are second only to Saudi Arabia's, and some geologists believe they are even larger than the Saudi reserves.

Regardless of what politicians say to the public, all but the most stupid know that we cannot become independent of foreign oil supplies. It's impossible. We use too much and import too much. At the same time, the appetite for oil is increasing as China and India, to cite just two examples, expand their economies. Oil, despite price hikes, remains the cheapest form of energy available. It will eventually run out, but until it does, nations will compete for it. It remains the most valuable prize.

Trying to substitute ethanol is a mistake. It takes more energy to make the ethanol than the stuff produces. Worse, it's already driving up the price of food, which in some parts of world will mean famine. Remember, people starve not because there isn't any food but because the food becomes too expensive for them to buy.

So, to return to the election, we should all realize that whomever we choose as president will be confronted with a big stack of very difficult problems to solve on his or her first day in office. It's going to require a person who is intelligent, a sound thinker and humble enough to ask for advice. It will require a person with sound judgment in choosing which people he or she will want as advisers.

We cannot afford a person who is stubborn or so egotistical as to think he or she already knows the answers to all the questions. That's the kind of person who created the problems we face today.

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Stopping the genocide

Nat **HENTOFF**

On Jan. 25, Andrew Natsios, former American envoy to Sudan, said that "the U.S. or the United Nations cannot force anyone. We can only encourage." And in his final State of the Union Address, George W. Bush's only reference to Darfur was a single line: "America opposes genocide in Sudan." The black African survivors in the Darfur and Chad refugee camps were spared hearing these "encouragements," and I am grateful. Such hollow words would have only deepened their desperation, fear, anger and hopelessness.

As Sudan's Gen. Omar al-Bashir continues to manipulate, mock and disgrace the United Nations — obstructing the still wholly inadequate U.N.-African Union "peacekeepers in Darfur" — there is a growing movement to restore and regenerate a largely forgotten Oct. 24, 2005, U.N. General Assembly Resolution: the "2005 World Summit Outcome — The Responsibility to Protect."

That declaration emphasizes that each "individual State has the responsibility to protect its populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity." So far, that's only words, words, words.

Now, after the failure of all nations to protect the victims of the ghastly Rwanda genocide — and the continuing lethal chaos in Darfur and elsewhere — human-rights organizations and activists around the world have formed the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (www.globalcentrer2p.org) — intent on finally implementing the General Assembly's 2005 resolution.

Among the founders are: International Crisis Group, Human Rights Watch, Oxfam International and Refugees International. The Patrons include Kofi Annan, one of whose last speeches as U.N. secretary-general — after his miserable failure as U.N. head of Peacekeeping Operations at the time of Rwanda — was an insistence that the sovereignty of individual U.N. nations could be forcibly breached if there were genocide in one of them.

The new Responsibility-to-Protect movement, (R2P), says John Steinberg of the International Crisis Group, is "a way of telling people that sovereignty is not an excuse to facilitate mass killings in your own country."

Its fully funded Global Center is located at the Ralph Bunche Institute of International studies at the CUNY Graduate Center in New York (www. GlobalCentreR2P.org).

There are associated sites: Asia-Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect; Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre; and Norwegian Institute Affairs.

Recognizing the crucial need to create political will to protect against genocide — and the means to enact that will — the Global Centre intends to organize "measures at many levels — civilian and military, preventative and reactive" — to enable "early warning and response, better preventative action of all kinds ... civilian capabilities, especially policing, on permanent standby ... to make R2P real."

I admire the intention. The hollow pledges of "Never again!" after Rwanda have resulted in untold numbers of mass, untended graves.

But I have a cautionary question. The original 2005 U.N. General Assembly "Responsibility to Protect" resolution pledged "collective action in a timely and decisive manner through the Security Council" — and this is the crucial addition — "should peaceful means be inadequate and national authorities are manifestly failing to protect their people ... from genocide ... and crimes against humanity."

That means armed intervention when imminently necessary.

And the new Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect also has among its goals to: "Clarify when non-consensual military force can and cannot be used consistently with R2P principles.

That also means armed intervention when imminently necessary. But there's a catch. These Global Centre "clear criteria" of when to move in militarily to stop genocide and crimes against humanity have to be "adopted as guidelines by the (U.N.) Security Council."

This U.N. Security Council, where China, Sudan's chief economic, political and U.N. protector, sits? What if China — or a temporarily serving Arab state supporter of Sudan's National Islamic Front government — vetoes any military intervention?

What will the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect do then? This concern of mine, moreover, could be entirely hypothetical. Let us suppose the U.N. Security Council does finally approve immediate military intervention to stop genocide and other horrific crimes by a sovereign nation against its people?

From what nations around the world will the necessary arms, logistical resources and armed soldiers come? Right now, as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon complains bitterly, the meager deployment of the U.N.-African Union nonmilitary force can't even get 24 helicopters from U.N. member nations.

The answers to these questions — if sustained political and economic pressure on Gen. al-Bashir keeps failing — will determine whether the next successful genocide — after the final solution in Darfur — will also be followed by mournful mumblings of "never again."

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Transfiguration Church events attract a crowd

The traffic was fast and furious and the aroma was delightful at Transfiguration Church during the past weekend.

That's because the church was having its monthly doughnut sale and Madonna Catholic was having its Market Day.

One weekend each month, volunteers from the church make and sell over 200 dozen doughnuts.

Gloria and Larry Walsh are chairpersons for the doughnut sale, but Gloria Walsh noted that the monthly event could never be successful without dedicated volunteers to help out.

The Market Day is a fundraiser for Madonna Catholic. People order goods from a catalog and on Saturday they went to Transfiguration to pay for and pick up their orders.

Text and photos by Jeff Oliver

Market Day "delivery boys," from the left, Eric Foglia, Jake Foglia, Josh Burnisky and Jake Burnisky carried orders to customers' vehicles.

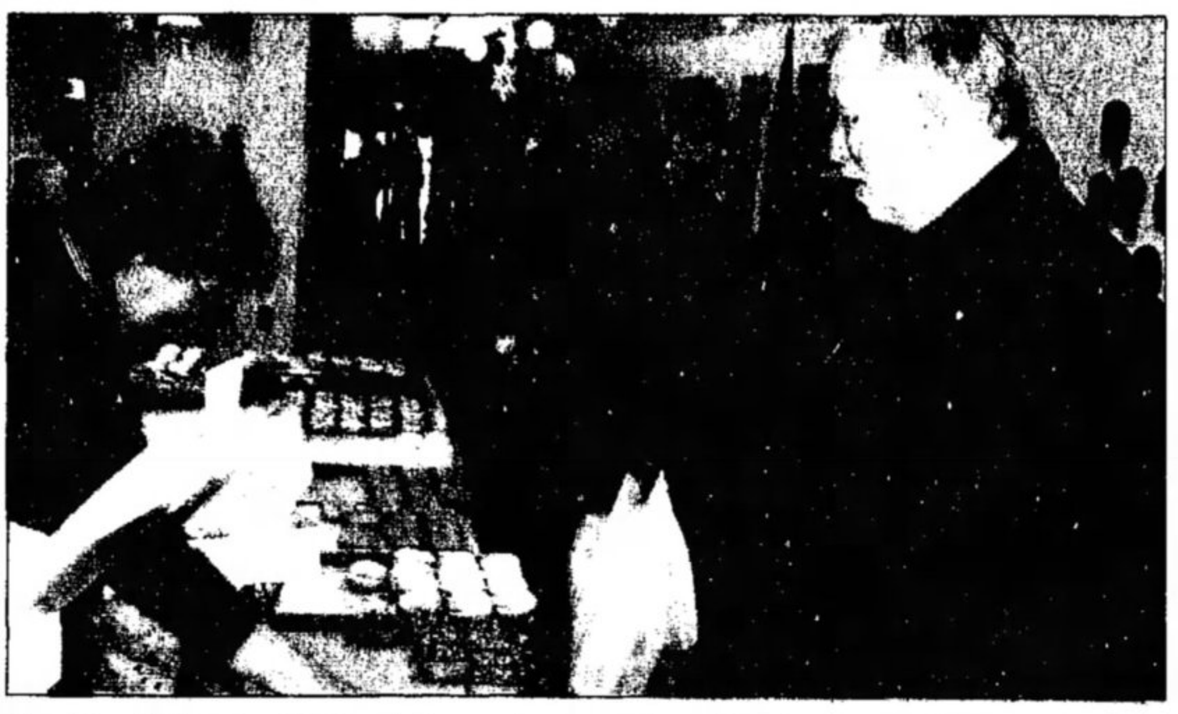
Mary Ann Hillman, left; Lois Donina, center, and Irene McVay decorate some of the more than 2,000 doughnuts that are fried and sold.

Transfiguration doughnut committee co-chairperson Gloria Walsh looks over her display of doughnuts waiting to be picked, purchased.

ABOVE - Doughnut makers Rod Babich, left; Larry Walsh, center, and Tony Bottino pose in front of their work station. The trio calls themselves the Three Stooges, as their aprons indicate.

BELOW - Tammy Warchol, of Madonna Catholic, accepts payment from Diane Leach for her order for Market Day.

Freda Rutherford gets doughnuts for a customer.



Joe Rostcheck, right, picks out some doughnuts to purchase.

Winehouse big winner

Amy Winehouse wasn't at Sunday's Grammy Awards, but she still picked up five trophies. **7B**

Valley SPORTS

Pole position

Jimmie Johnson picked up the pole in Sunday's qualifying runs for the Daytona 500. **2B**

Challenge for Thunder

The Mon Valley Thunder will host league-leading Indiana tonight after a weekend win over Wooster. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which two players share the Pro Bowl record with four sacks in a game? **2B**

Sunday's scores

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 3
Anaheim 3, Detroit 2
Buffalo 5, Florida 3
Minnesota 2, St. Louis 1, SO
Nashville 6, Phoenix 3
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2, SO

Associated Press

Penguins defenseman Kris Letang, left,celebrates with teammate Evgeni Malkin, who assisted on his third-period goal against the Flyers Sunday.

Pens finally top Flyers

Malkin gets a goal and three assists in 4-3 win.

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Evgeni Malkin's parents can't return to Russia soon enough for the rest of the NHL.

Malkin scored a goal and set up three others, giving him seven points in two days, and the Pittsburgh Penguins finally figured out how to beat cross-state Philadelphia by winning 4-3 Sunday.

The Flyers, swept in eight games by the Penguins last season, never trailed during four previous victories against Pittsburgh this season with Martin Biron in goal. They fell behind 3-1 in the second period of this game as Malkin played a role in every goal.

Malkin assisted on goals by Petr Sykora, Sergei Gonchar and Kristopher Letang and scored against Biron to extend a scoring surge that began when star Sidney Crosby injured his right ankle Jan. 18. Malkin has 15 points during five consecutive multiple-point games and 21 points, with eight goals, in 10 games as Pittsburgh has gone 6-2-2 without the injured Crosby.

Malkin's parents arrived from Russia this weekend to watch him play for the first time this season, and they must be liking this. The rest of the Atlantic Division won't enjoy this: Mom and Dad Malkin are staying another two weeks.

Injured goalie Marc-Andre Fleury has been sent to the minors to begin his comeback. See Page 2B.

"Hopefully we're going to win all these games and I'm going to play good," Malkin said, speaking through an interpreter. "I've never had a stretch like this over here in NHL or back in the Russian league," where the 21-year-old Malkin played before joining the Penguins last season.

"He's a world-class player and a big concern," Flyers coach John Stevens said.

He might be a bigger concern to the Flyers in the future, too. Malkin, who usually brags on his teammates and rarely reveals much about himself during interviews, acknowledged he doesn't like playing against Philadelphia. The first four games between the teams this season featured numerous fights and angry outbursts by the coaches.

"When we play against them, we have problems like people throwing popcorn on our bench," Malkin said. "I don't really like to play against them. ... I don't like that team. It's something that's a little bit extra."

R.J. Umberger scored twice for Philadelphia and has seven of his 11 goals this season against his hometown Penguins, but he couldn't prevent the Flyers' second loss in as many days.

The Flyers, 2-0 losers at home Saturday to the Rangers, fell four points behind Atlantic Division leader Pittsburgh, which increased its lead over idle to New Jersey to three points. The Penguins, 4-2 winners Saturday over Los Angeles as Malkin had two goals and an assist, are in first place by themselves for the first time this season.

Malkin, last season's NHL rookie of the year, promised when Crosby was hurt to assume Crosby's role as team leader and leading scorer, and he's done that and more.

"He's upgraded his game a big notch, so give him a lot of credit," said coach Michel Therrien, whose team won its third in a row. "He showed everyone that

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Long road trip for Monessen

Greyhounds will travel to Imperial Tuesday; BVA plays in McKeesport.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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Monessen's boys will have to do a little traveling for their first round game in the WPIAL basketball playoffs while Belle Vernon Area's boys won't have to go quite as far.

The Class AA Greyhounds (18-5) will go to West Allegheny in Imperial to face Ford City (14-11) Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the second game of a girl-boy doubleheader.

Neshannock's girls oppose South Park in the opener at 6:30 p.m.

Ford City, the third place team from Section 1, advanced with a 73-66 preliminary round victory over Mohawk Saturday at New Castle.

Belle Vernon Area (19-5), meanwhile, will make its Class AAA debut Wednesday in McKeesport at the Penn State-Greater Allegheny campus against Keystone Oaks (14-10) in the nightcap of a girl-boy twinbill.

West Mifflin's girls take on Southmoreland in the first contest at 6:30 p.m.

California (16-5) and Bentworth (16-7) will play Friday in a Class A boys' quarterfinal game at a site to be determined.

Ringgold and Elizabeth Forward's girls will play first round Class AAA contests Tuesday.

Ringgold (17-7) gets Blackhawk (16-9) at 6:30 p.m. at Canon-McMillan with Elizabeth Forward (20-4) going to Baldwin for a 6:30 p.m. date with West Allegheny (13-11).

Monessen's girls (24-0) will play Geibel (18-6), a 60-38 winner over Monaca, Friday in the Class A

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Irish women top Panthers, 81-66

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Tulyah Gaines scored 13 points, and 16th-ranked Notre Dame held No. 15 Pittsburgh to 31 percent shooting in an 81-66 victory Sunday.

The Irish (18-5, 6-3 Big East) improved to 17-1 all-time against the Panthers (18-5, 8-2), with the lone loss coming last season at Pittsburgh. The victory was Notre Dame's first against a ranked opponent in five tries this season. It was the first loss in five Big East road games for the Panthers.

Lindsay Schrader added 12 points for the Irish. Devereaux Peters was leading the Irish in scoring with 11 points when she left the game with 13:44 left with an injured left knee.

Melissa Lechlitner and Becca Bruszewski added 10 points each for the Irish.

The Irish outscored the Panthers 34-30 in the paint despite being outrebounded 56-42. Notre Dame, which shot 44 percent from the floor, improved to 7-0 this season in games it has five players in double figures.

The Panthers were just 14-of-27 from the free throw line, while the Irish were 27-of-32. The Irish were just 0-of-3 from 3-point range.

Monessen's Charel Allen had six points and six rebounds for Notre Dame.

Associated Press

Pitt's Mallorie Winn dribbles Sunday in front of Notre Dame's Charel Allen, of Monessen.

Peterson Pro Bowl MVP

Minnesota rookie scores twice in NFC's 42-30 victory.

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

HONOLULU — They could have played this Pro Bowl on the beach with flag football rules. All of which was to the liking of Terrell Owens and Adrian Peterson.

Making up for early sloppiness, Owens caught two touchdowns passes, including a 6-yarder from Tampa Bay's Jeff Garcia for the winning points in the NFC's comeback 42-30 victory over the AFC on Sunday.

Owens was aided by Offensive Rookie of the Year Peterson, whose 129 yards rushing was the first performance of more than 100 yards since Marshall Faulk had 180 and Chris Warren added 127 in 1995. The Minnesota running back scored twice as the NFC rallied from a 24-7 deficit, earning himself MVP honors.

Faulk is the only other rookie to be voted MVP of the Pro Bowl.

Neither side held back the tricks, to the delight of the sellout crowd of 50,044 at Aloha Stadium. There was a fake punt, a throwback kickoff return and a handful of fourth-down gambles.

One of those was a 34-yard pass to Owens from fellow Cowboy Tony Romo that sparked the comeback. Before that huge play, Owens had a pair of ugly drops that drew boos.

He quickly turned them into cheers.

The 48 first-half points tied the Pro Bowl record for the first two periods. The only punt of the half turned into a fake and an 11-yard completion from San Francisco's Andy Lee to Minnesota fullback Tony Richardson. After Peterson gained 24 yards on two plays, Romo threw to Larry Fitzgerald, who dived across the goal line to tie it at 7.

On the opening drive, Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez set the frenetic pace with completions of 31 and 25 yards around a botched snap that cost the AFC 20 yards. Browns receiver Braylon Edwards, one of 41 newcomers (including injured players) beat Seattle's Marcus Trufant on another 31-yarder before Lorenzo Neal dived in from the 1. The San Diego fullback, a 15-year veteran, scored his first Pro Bowl touchdown.

The scoring never abated. T.J. Houshmandzadeh caught TD throws of 16 yards from Manning and 1 from Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger. The Cincinnati receiver's second score came after Antonio Cromartie, the league's interception leader, returned a tipped pass 56 yards to the AFC 29.

Just before that, a comical kickoff runback attempt by Dallas linebacker DeMarcus Ware resulted in a fumble at the NFC 29 recovered by Baltimore's Ed Reed. Tennessee's Rob Bironas kicked a 33-yard field goal.

With the AFC on top 24-7, Romo and Owens got their team back in it. The big play before Owens' 6-yard TD catch was a fourth-and-13 conversion that Owens broke for 34 yards to the 7.

After Bironas nailed a 48-yarder, the NFC continued its comeback. Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck was particularly sharp on a 77-yard touchdown drive he capped with a 17-yard pass to Redskins tight end Chris Cooley. Peterson broke

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Associated Press

Minnesota's Adrian Peterson scores a fourth-quarter touchdown for the NFC in Sunday's Pro Bowl.

SPORTS

Johnson captures Daytona pole

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Another day, another Hendrick Motorsports car on top.

First, it was Dale Earnhardt Jr. showing the world Saturday night he was back on track with a dominating victory in a 70-lap exhibition race.

Then, less than 24 hours later, reigning NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson added another notch to the Hendrick belt when he won the pole for next Sunday's Daytona 500.

Johnson

"It's always neat to get down here and get a win, but the pole is something the guys work for all winter long," said team owner Rick Hendrick, who also has four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon and Casey Mears in his powerful lineup.

Johnson, who won his second straight series title last year in a tough battle with Gordon, welcomes the addition of Earnhardt to the Hendrick stable and said rivalry within a team can be a powerful weapon.

"I think we've really used the rivalry between the cars in a positive way," Johnson said. "When we're outrun by one of our teammates, we know what they have versus what we have. So we're able to bring our car to that spot and try to beat them. And then they now and the progression starts.

"I really think last year we saw it in the Chase more than anything. The notebooks were open, we were all honest and true about where are cars were, what we were doing, and we brought the best out of each other and I feel took HMS to a new level and a higher level."

Johnson, trying to match Cale Yarborough's record three straight series championships, said the goal is to keep ratcheting up the competition on the team, particularly with the addition of Earnhardt.

Fleury begins conditioning assignment

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, out for more than two months with a high ankle sprain, was sent to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the American Hockey League on Sunday to begin a conditioning assignment.

Fleury, who tied for third in the National Hockey League with 40 victories last season, was expected to be out six to eight weeks after injuring his ankle early in the first period of a 3-2 win in Calgary on Dec. 6. His recovery has taken longer than expected, and he didn't resume on-ice work until Feb. 1.

Penguins coach Michel Therrien estimated that Fleury will need three to four games in the minors to get back into playing shape.

Fleury had a 9-8-1 record before his injury but had won four consecutive games.

"Practice is nice, he is working really hard at it," coach Michel Therrien said. "He needs to play some games. We figure three or four games, depending on how he is able to perform."

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton doesn't play again until Wednesday, then has four games in six days through Feb. 18.

"I need to start somewhere," said Fleury, the No. 1 pick in the 2003 NHL draft.

Pittsburgh is 19-7-3 since Fleury was hurt, with Ty Conklin going 14-3-3 as their primary starter after beginning the season in the minors.

The Penguins also reassigned forward Ryan Stone to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He didn't score in five games with them.

Penguins (FROM PAGE ONE)

he is a great player. He is showing that he can be a great leader."

A very good scorer, too.

Just as they were in the 2005 NHL draft, Russian stars Alex Ovechkin and Malkin are 1-2 again; Ovechkin leads the NHL with 76 points after getting three points during a 3-2 win Sunday against the Rangers, while Malkin is tied with Ottawa's Daniel Alfredssson for second place with 73 points.

Asked if he can catch Ovechkin, Malkin said, "I'm going to try."

Malkin drew multiple defenders as he skated down the left wing boards with the Flyers up 1-0 in the first, allowing Sykora to get open near the right circle and score his 18th after taking Malkin's pass.

Later in the period, Malkin drew Hartnell into taking a roughing penalty, even though it appeared Malkin shoved Hartnell first, and the penalty led to Gonchar's power-play goal 38 seconds into the second. Malkin scored his 31st of the season late in the second, grabbing Sykora's return pass to score from the slot while slipping to his knees.

"They are playing really good with Crosby out of the lineup," Umberger said. "It's a little surprising."

Penguins goalie Ty Conklin made 27 saves, despite allowing goals in the third period by Umberger and Scott Hartnell, and is 14-3-3 after beginning the season as the injured Marc-Andre Fleury's backup.

This game wasn't as feisty as the previous four, perhaps because both teams were playing their second afternoon game in as many days.

Penguins forward Jarkko Ruutu and the Flyers' Steve Downie traded punches during an extended fight late in the first that Downie halted by dropping his hands and skating away, but there were no other fights.

Flyers forward Simon Gagne sat out the final two periods with a concussion — his second this season — and will be reevaluated Monday. Gagne was out for 26 games from Nov. 8-Jan. 8 with the same problem.

Playoffs (FROM PAGE ONE)

quarterfinals at a site to be determined.

Ringgold's boys and Charleroi's girls were eliminated in preliminary round contests Saturday.

The Rams were a 79-52 loser to Hampton at North Allegheny while the Lady Cougars fell to Wilkinsburg, 72-44, at Northgate.

At West Allegheny, Ringgold's leading scorer R.J. Brownlee got in early foul trouble with two fouls in the opening three minutes. The Talbots capitalized by erasing a 6-5 deficit and scoring 13 of the next 16 points to take an 18-9 first quarter lead. Dave Bassi was high for Ringgold (8-17) with 15 points while Brownlee finished with 12 points and Simon Bekavac 10.

Matt Madia (19) and Bill Luther (18) combined for 37 points for Hampton (14-10).

At Northgate, Charleroi limited Wilkinsburg's high-scoring Darche Jackson to eight points in the first half, but that wasn't good enough as the Tigers scored the last 12 points of the half to take a 34-19 halftime cushion.

Jackson, the WPIAL's top scorer with a 34-point average, finished with 30, but 18 came in the final period when Charleroi coach Nick Mahalko went to his reserves.

Makaya Neff was the lone player in double figures for Charleroi (13-12).

Lakia Herbert backed Jackson with 14 points for Wilkinsburg (12-9).

"With two minutes left in the first half we were down 20-19, but got in foul trouble inside and they ran off the last 12 points," said Mahalko. "We didn't rebound well in the first half and they got two or three shots, it seemed, every time down the floor."

Ringgold and Belle Vernon Area will be sites for doubleheaders Tuesday.

Playing at Ringgold will be Uniontown's boys (18-4) against Ambridge (9-15) at 8 p.m. in Class AAAA after Mt. Pleasant's girls (17-6) face Ambridge (15-8) at 6:30 p.m.

Washington's two teams will play at Belle Vernon Area with the girls (22-1) facing Seton-LaSalle (14-11) at 6:30 p.m. and the boys (18-6) going against Greensburg Central Catholic (17-8) at 8 p.m.

Peterson (FROM PAGE ONE)

two tackles on a 39-yard run to spark the series, and that was two fewer tacklers than he avoided on his 17-yard jaunt down the left sideline for a 28-27 NFC lead early in the third quarter.

A pair of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, of all things, against the NFC for illegal defenses allowed Bironas to make his third field goal, a 28-yarder to recapture the lead.

That prompted more shenanigans on the NFC's kickoff return. Bears record-setter Devin Hester ran right for 14 yards, then threw a perfect spiral to his left to Jason Witten. The tight end, one of 13 Cowboys in the game, showed some nice open-field moves in adding 35 yards to the runback.

Then Cromartie got his second pick when Rams wideout Torry Holt deflected Garcia's pass into the Chargers cornerback's hands. Quite a debut for someone who barely played before the 2007 season.

But it was Peterson's debut that was most impressive. He finished off the scoring with a 6-yard romp with 2:43 remaining.

The AFC leads the series 20-18.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Monessen snapped Section 3 champion Belle Vernon Area's 18-game winning streak, 67-63, behind Reggie Allen's 27 points.

Rick Webb poured in 29 points in Ringgold's 73-64 win over Uniontown.

Charleroi routed Brownsville, 90-67, behind Robbie Uhlman's 28 points.

Pittsburgh Steelers offensive line coach Dan Radakovich resigned.

20 Years Ago

California University was a 71-64 winner at Indiana with Joe Miller scoring 21 points.

Pitt's recruiting class included quarterback Alex Van Pelt and linebacker Curtis Bray.

Former Pitt football coach left Notre Dame to become an assistant coach with the Atlanta Falcons.

10 Years Ago

With a 23-1 record and riding a school record 22-game winning streak, Belle Vernon Area's boys were the top Class AAA seed in the WPIAL basketball playoffs.

Under pressure to boost the Pittsburgh Penguins' sagging attendance, team president Donn Patton resigned.

SPORTS DIGEST

Monessen basketball ticket sales set

Tickets for the WPIAL Class AA boys' basketball first-round game between Monessen and Ford City Tuesday at 8 p.m. at West Allegheny will be sold today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the MHS athletic office and Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Ticket prices are $6 for adults and $4 for students. No student tickets are sold at the game site.

Moorer in quick knockout win

The latest fight for Monessen's Michael Moorer didn't last long. Moorer needed only 32 seconds to knock out Shelby Gross Friday at the Sheikh Rashid Hall inthe Dubai World Trace Center.

Moorer dropped Gross twice to the canvas with an uppercut ending the fight. Moorer upped his record to 52-4-1 with Gross 16-4.

Thunder wins, home with Indiana tonight

The Mon Valley Thunder are home with once-beaten Indiana tonight at 7:30 at the Ice Garden in the Class A Mid-Atlantic League after downing Wooster, 9-7, Saturday. Riding a 25-game winning streak, Indiana (30-1) is 7-0 against the Thunder this season.

The Thunder feature the league's top scorer in Ringgold graduate Justin Depretis, who has 51 goals and 32 assists for 83 points in 27 games. Depretis has 14 goals and nine assists against the Thunder.

Josh Laliberte, Jim Stussy and David Sabol both had two goals for the Thunder (11-16-3) in the win over Wooster .

Stussy broke a 7-7 deadlock with 13:39 remaining. Jerry Cardinale and KC Hahey had the other goals for the Thunder.

Trivia answer

New York Jets' Mark Gastineau and Philadelphia's Reggie White.

Cal U splits with Clarion

California University's basketball teams continue to go different directions in the PSAC West.

The men stayed on top of the West with a 73-63 win at Clarion Saturday after the women slipped into third place with their third straight loss, 72-71.

Ron Banks had a game-high 22 points for California (16-4, 7-0), which trailed 30-28 at halftime.

Banks had a busy night at the foul line, making 12 of 14.

The Vulcans' Ali Mbaye had 14 points and 11 rebounds for his eighth double-double. Julian Logan contributed 11 points and Theron Colao 10.

Lamar Richburg topped Clarion (11-10, 3-4) with 12 points.

The Cal men host Wayne State Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Cal women led by 12 points (64-52) with 7:08 remaining before the Golden Eagles rallied.

My'Kea Cohill scored the game-winner for Clarion (15-6, 5-2) with 26 seconds to go.

Cal's Crystal Andrews, who finished with a game-high 19 points, missed a 17-footer in the closing seconds.

Kayla Smith added 18 points for Cal (17-5, 4-3) with Brooque Williams adding 12.

Cal resumes Saturday at home with Lock Haven at 3 p.m.

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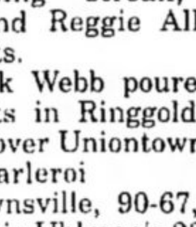
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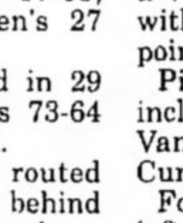
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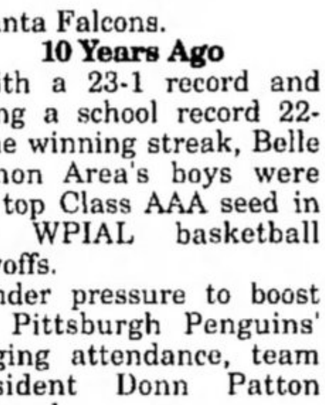

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SPORTS

High school boys' basketball rankings

Pennsylvania high school boys' basketball rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Feb. 10, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last year's final ranking. NR means not ranked. Honorable mention teams listed alphabetically.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Chester	(1)	24-1	1
2. Pennsbury	(1)	24-1	2
3. Reading	(3)	26-0	3
4. Ridley	(1)	21-4	6
5. Schenley	(8)	22-2	7
6. Norristown	(1)	25-0	8
7. Lower Merion	(1)	19-6	9
8. Easton	(11)	23-3	10
9. McDowell	(10)	21-2	NR
10. McKeesport	(7)	18-3	5

Teams to watch

Bethlehem Liberty (11) 21-5; Cathedral Prep (10) 17-6; Lancaster McCaskey (3) 22-4; North Allegheny (7) 23-2; Penn Wood (1) 19-6; Pittsburgh Central Catholic (7) 20-4; Pocono Mountain West (11) 20-3; Simon Gratz (12) 16-6.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. General McLane	(10)	21-3	2
2. Commun. Tech	(12)	21-3	3
3. Chartiers Valley	(7)	22-2	4
4. Steel-High	(3)	20-5	6
5. Highlands	(7)	19-4	5
6. Susquehanna Twp.	(3)	24-2	1
7. West York	(3)	20-5	7
8. Hopewell	(7)	18-5	9
9. Great Valley	(1)	19-5	10
10. Greencastle-Antrim	(3)	21-4	8

Teams to watch

Blackhawk (7) 19-5; Central Cambria (6) 21-3; Crestwood (2) 19-4; Franklin (10) 17-6; Holy Ghost Prep (1) 21-3; Milton (4) 21-3; Pottstown (1) 19-3; Shamokin (4) 24-2.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Imhotep	(12)	22-2	2
2. Prep Charter	(12)	16-6	1
3. Strawberry Mansion	(12)	16-4	3
4. Beaver Falls	(7)	19-3	4
5. Jeannette	(7)	16-4	5
6. North East	(10)	23-1	6
7. Allquippa	(7)	16-8	7
8. Farrell	(10)	21-3	9
9. Hughesville	(4)	21-2	10
10. Columbia	(3)	23-3	8

Teams to watch

Bishop McCort (6) 17-5; Delone Catholic (3) 21-3; Holy Cross (2) 20-3; North Catholic (7) 21-3; Northern Lehigh (11) 23-3; Trinity (3) 14-8; Wyoming Seminary (2) 20-1; York Catholic (3) 18-7.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Serra Catholic	(7)	21-2	1
2. Scotland	(3)	16-4	2
3. Girard College	(1)	18-3	3
4. Coudersport	(9)	24-0	4
5. DuBois CC	(9)	23-2	6
6. ND-E.Stroudsburg	(11)	16-8	5
7. North Penn	(4)	23-1	7
8. Kennedy Catholic	(10)	14-9	9
9. Elk County Catholic	(9)	20-4	8
10. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	17-7	10

Teams to watch

Conemaugh Twp. (5) 20-5; Delco Christian (1) 15-8; Faith Christian (1) 20-4; High Point Baptist (3) 21-3; Keystone (9) 19-4; Pius X (11) 16-7; Rocky Grove (9) 24-1; Saltsburg (6) 20-2.

High school girls' basketball rankings

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Abington Heights	(2)	24-0	1
2. Downingtown East	(1)	23-1	2
3. Central Dauphin	(3)	20-6	7
4. Mt. Lebanon	(7)	23-2	3
5. Methacton	(1)	25-0	4
6. Butler	(7)	23-2	5
7. Wilson	(3)	22-3	6
8. Spring-Ford	(1)	24-2	8
9. Hollidaysburg	(6)	20-3	NR
10. Norwin	(7)	24-1	10

Teams to watch

Allentown Allen (11) 20-5, Bethlehem Liberty (11) 20-5, Central Mountain (6) 22-2, Northampton (11) 21-5, Pocono Mountain East (11) 22-2, State College (6) 17-4, Upper St. Clair (7) 19-5.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Mercyhurst Prep	(10)	23-1	1
2. Mount St. Joseph	(1)	23-2	2
3. Allentown CC	(11)	24-2	3
4. Hampton	(7)	22-2	4
5. Eng. & Science	(12)	19-2	5
6. Villa Maria Academy	(1)	17-6	6
7. West Mifflin	(7)	21-3	8
8. Hopewell	(7)	19-4	7
9. General McLane	(10)	19-5	9
10. Lewistown	(6)	19-4	10

Teams to watch

Blue Mountain (11) 22-3, Boiling Springs (3) 22-3, Elizabeth Forward (7) 20-4, Indiana (7) 21-3, Lampeter-Strasburg (3) 21-3, Selinsgrove (4) 23-1.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Villa Maria	(10)	20-4	1
2. Trinity	(3)	19-3	2
3. York Catholic	(3)	25-1	3
4. Bishop McCort	(6)	24-1	4
5. OLSH	(7)	22-1	5
6. Washington	(7)	22-1	6
7. Girard	(10)	21-3	7
8. Schuylkill Valley	(3)	21-4	8
9. Northern Cambria	(6)	22-1	9
10. Bodine	(12)	17-4	10

Teams to watch

Conemaugh Twp. (5) 21-3, Dunmore (2) 23-1, East Juniata (4) 22-1, Loyalsock (4) 20-1, North Star (5) 21-2.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Monessen	(7)	24-0	1
2. North Catholic	(7)	21-4	2
3. Marian Catholic	(11)	24-1	4
4. Bishop Guilfoyle	(6)	22-3	3
5. Farrell	(10)	20-2	5
6. Elk County Catholic	(9)	24-1	7
7. Eisenhower	(10)	17-5	8
8. Nativity BVM	(11)	21-4	6
9. Penns Manor	(6)	19-3	10
10. Reading CC	(3)	18-6	9

Teams to watch

Coudersport (9) 22-2, Ferndale (6) 20-4, Geibel (7) 18-6, Keystone (9) 23-2, Williamsburg (6) 19-5.

Scottie Reynolds and Villanova will face Georgetown at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today

Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Villanova at Georgetown, college bssketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Rutgers at Tennessee, women's college basketball.

7 p.m. - Versus - Phoenix at Dallas, hockey.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Kansas at Texas, college basketball.

11 p.m. - ESPN2 - St. Mary's at Santa Clara, college basketball.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	19	5	69	167	152
New Jersey	31	21	4	66	147	134
Philadelphia	30	20	5	65	175	156
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	63	144	147
N.Y. Islanders	24	25	7	55	134	164

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	18	4	72	196	164
Montreal	29	18	9	67	176	160
Boston	28	22	5	61	145	150
Buffalo	26	21	8	60	165	156
Toronto	23	25	9	55	157	184

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	27	25	5	59	164	176
Atlanta	27	27	4	58	157	186
Carolina	27	27	4	58	168	185
Florida	26	27	5	57	158	166
Tampa Bay	23	27	6	52	161	185

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	12	5	87	192	126
Nashville	29	22	6	64	165	154
Columbus	26	23	9	61	141	148
St. Louis	24	22	8	56	138	157
Chicago	24	25	6	54	150	160

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	32	20	4	68	155	148
Colorado	30	21	5	65	162	154
Calgary	28	20	8	64	161	161
Vancouver	28	22	7	63	149	145
Edmonton	25	27	5	55	151	170

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	34	20	5	73	174	147
San Jose	31	17	7	69	146	133
Anaheim	31	22	7	69	148	150
Phoenix	28	24	4	60	154	157
Los Angeles	24	31	3	51	165	190

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Los Angeles 2
N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 0
Toronto 3, Detroit 2, OT
Minnesota 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT
Florida 6, Boston 3
Ottawa 6, Montreal 1
Calgary 4, Edmonton 1
Atlanta 2, Tampa Bay 1, OT
New Jersey 6, Carolina 1
Dallas 6, St. Louis 2
San Jose 4, Nashville 3
Colorado 6, Vancouver 2

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 3
Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Anaheim 3, Detroit 2
Buffalo 5, Florida 3
Minnesota 2, St. Louis 1, SO
Los Angeles 3, Columbus 2, SO
Nashville 6, Phoenix 3
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2, SO

Today's Games

Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Penguins summary

Philadelphia	1	0	2	— 3
Pittsburgh	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Umberger 10 (Carter, Jones), 6:34 (pp). 2, Pittsburgh, Sykora 18 (Malkin, Malone), 16:20. Penalties—Talbot, Pit, double minor (roughing, slashing), 5:14; Downie, Phi, major (fighting), 17:21; Ruutu, Pit, major (fighting), 17:21; Kukkonen, Phi (high-sticking), 18:44; Christensen, Pit (high-sticking), 18:44; Hartnell, Phi (roughing), 19:18.

Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Goncnar 9 (Malkin, Letang), :38 (pp). 4, Pittsburgh, Malkin 31 (Sykora, Malone), 18:43. Penalties—None.

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Umberger 11 (Downie, Vandermeer), :46. 6, Pittsburgh, Letang 4 (Malkin, Sykora), 12:14. 7, Philadelphia, Hartnell 18 (Richards, Timonen), 19:27. Penalties—Whitney, Pit (hooking), 3:12; Malkin, Pit (closing hand on puck), 15:17; Timonen, Phi (hooking), 15:33.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 7-9-14—30. Pittsburgh 8-12-5—25.

Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of 2.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Biron 20-14-4 (25 shots-21 saves). Pittsburgh, Conklin 14-3-3 (30-27).

A—17,132 (16,940). T—2:32.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	29	1	0	58
Wooster	14	14	2	30
Jamestown	13	18	0	26
Mon Valley	11	16	3	25
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Saturday

Mon Valley 9, Wooster 7

Today

Indiana at Mon Valley (7:30 p.m.)

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	16	4
Edinboro	6	1	16	5
Indiana	4	2	12	9
Clarion	3	4	11	10
Slippery Rock	3	4	5	16
Lock Haven	1	6	1	20
Shippensburg	0	7	6	16

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	6	1	14	6
Kutztown	6	1	14	7
Millersville	5	2	16	6
Mansfield	3	4	15	7
East Stroudsburg	2	4	14	7
West Chester	2	5	12	11
Bloomsburg	0	7	8	13

Today

California 73, Clarion 63
Edinboro 70, Shippensburg 62
Slippery Rock 53, Lock Haven 43
Cheyney 92, Bloomsburg 81
Kutzton 78, West Chester 73
Millersville 95, Mansfield 92
East Stroudsburg 102, Penn State Schuykill 42

Wednesday

Wayne State at California, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Clarion
Slippery Rock at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Lock Haven
Bloomsburg at Millersville
East Stroudsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at Mansfield

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	5	1	20	2
Clarion	5	2	15	6
California	4	3	17	5
Shippensburg	4	3	16	6
Edinboro	3	4	13	8
Lock Haven	2	5	7	14
Slippery Rock	1	6	7	15

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	7	0	18	4
West Chester	5	2	13	8
Cheyney	4	3	7	13
East Stroudsburg	3	3	9	11
Kutztown	2	5	9	13
Bloomsburg	2	5	7	15
Mansfield	1	6	6	16

Saturday

Clarion 72, California 71
Edinboro 77, Shippensburg 65
Lock Haven 62, Slippery Rock 59
Cheyney 60, Bloomsburg 58
West Chester 67, Kutztown 65
Millersville 62, Mansfield 39

Today

Cheyney at District of Columbia

Wednesday

Indiana at Clarion
Slippery Rock at Edinboro
Shippensburg at Lock Haven
Bloomsburg at Millersville
East Stroudsburg at Cheyney
Kutztown at Mansfield
West Chester at Columbia Union

Cal U lineups

Men

California - 73

Logan, 4-3-11; Hairston, 4-1-9; Brooks, 2-0-6; Banks, 5-12-22; Mbaye, 5-4-14; Vaughn, 0-0-0; Colao, 2-6-10; Parker, 0-0-0; Johnson, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 22 (43), F - 26 (38), T - 73.

Clarion - 63

Jones, 3-2-9; Graham, 1-0-2; Sherry, 1-8-10; Henderson, 2-0-4; Yanke, 2-4-8; Blanks, 1-2-4; Hollis, 1-2-4; Richburg, 4-4-12; Gross, 4-2-10. Totals: FG - 19 (49), F - 24 (27), T - 63.

Halftime score: 30-28, Clarion.

Three-pointers: California (3-10) Brooks 2, Hairston. Clarion (1-9) Jones.

Women

Clarion - 72

Cohill, 6-0-13; Grimm, 4-0-9; Albanese, 5-4-14; Greer, 3-4-12; Pratt, 2-0-4; Smith, 0-0-0; Koch, 0-0-0; Fries, 1-0-2; Zabresky, 6-6-18; Suwala, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 27 (57), F - 14 (16), T - 72.

California -71

Johnon, 0-0-0; Benick, 0-=3-3; Andrews, 8-2-19; mance, 4-0-8; Smith, 7-4-18; Dubyak, 1-4-6; Willims, 4-4-12; Briggs, 1-3-5. Totals: FG - 25 (67), F - 20 (26), T - 71.

Halftime score: 39-34, California.

Three-pointers: California (1-4) Andrerws. Clarion (4-13) Greer 2, Cohill, Grimm.

College basketball

MEN

EAST

American U. 82, Lehigh 74
Buffalo 68, E. Michigan 64
Fairfield 68, Iona 59
Manhattan 97, Canisius 87
Marist 69, St. Peter's 61
Niagara 92, Loyola, Md. 87
Rhode Island 65, Fordham 63
Siena 80, Rider 77
Temple 80, Massachusetts 70, OT

SOUTH

Florida Gulf Coast 72, S.C.-Upstate 69
Furman 69, UNC Greensboro 59
North Carolina 103, Clemson 93, 2OT
Saint Louis 64, Richmond 55
South Alabama 90, Troy 74
Stetson 68, ETSU 56

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 69, Toledo 58
Creighton 72, S. Illinois 53
Indiana 59, Ohio St. 53
Xavier 76, Saint Joseph's 72

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 59, Arizona 54
Washington 71, UCLA 61

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	9	.813	--
Toronto	27	22	.551	12 1/2
New Jersey	22	29	.431	18 1/2
Philadelphia	21	30	.412	19 1/2
New York	15	36	.294	25 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	32	20	.615	—
Washington	24	26	.480	7
Atlanta	21	26	.447	8 1/2
Charlotte	18	33	.353	13 1/2
Miami	9	40	.184	21 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	37	13	.740	—
Cleveland	28	22	.560	9
Indiana	21	30	.412	16 1/2
Chicago	20	30	.400	17
Milwaukee	19	32	.373	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	34	15	.694	--
Dallas	34	16	.680	1/2
San Antonio	32	17	.653	2
Houston	30	20	.600	4 1/2
Memphis	13	37	.260	21 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	33	19	.635	—
Denver	31	19	.620	1
Portland	28	22	.560	4
Seattle	13	37	.260	19
Minnesota	10	39	.204	21 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	36	15	.706	—
L.A. Lakers	33	17	.660	2 1/2
Golden State	30	20	.600	5 1/2
Sacramento	23	26	.469	12
L.A. Clippers	16	32	.333	18 1/2

Saturday's Games

Indiana 101, Portland 93
Philadelphia 101, L.A. Clippers 80
New Orleans 112, Memphis 99
Houston 108, Atlanta 89
New York 99, Milwaukee 98
Utah 97, Chicago 87
Golden State 105, Sacramento 102

Sunday's Games

Boston 98, San Antonio 90
L.A. Lakers 104, Miami 94
New Jersey 101, Dallas 82
Detroit 113, Charlotte 87
Toronto 105, Minnesota 82
Denver 113, Cleveland 83
Phoenix 108, Washington 107

Today's Games

Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with 1B Kevin Youkilis on a one year contract.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with OF Craig Wilson on a minor league contract.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Williamson on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with DT Damione Lewis on a three year contract.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Reggie Herring linebackers coach.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Named Billy Devaney director of player personnel and Ron Milus secondary coach.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Promoted Jim Zorn, offensive coordinator, to coach. Agreed to terms with Zorn on a five-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned G Steve Mason to Kitchener (OHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Recalled D Ryan O'Bryne from Hamilton (AHL). Announced Hamilton assigned D Jon Gleed to Cincinnati (ECHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned RW Bill Thomas to San Antonio (AHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Assigned G Marc-Andre Fleury and F Ryan Stone to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled C Ryan Shannon from Manitoba (AHL).

Bowling results

Charleroi Lanes
New Eagle League
Standings

A.T. Koury Roofing, 40-21; Monongahela Fire Department, 39-22; Ponce's Place, 38-20; Maroadi Transfer & Storage, 36-22; Hoot Owls, 33-25; Hey Andy, 33-27; Charleroi Lnes, 27-30; Yocolano Distributing, 23-34; Eck's Restaurant & Lounge, 21-35; Bill Hermann's Landscaping, 13-44.

High scores

Kenny Louttit, 224-524; Chuck Patterson, 221-545; David Andrako, 220-551; Terry Foster, 218-571; Bob Douglas, 209-528; Ryan Lorenzi, 204-515; Ryan Gaydos, 203-551; Bo Garrett, 202-536; Rick Bright, 195-563; Sam Rice Jr., 195-543.

Basketball playoffs

Boys

Class AAAA

Saturday

Canon-McMillan 46, Shaler 44
Franklin Regional 44, Peters Township 40
McKeesport 53, Hempfield 44
Upper St. Clair 66, Seneca Valley 52

Friday

Quarterfinals

Sites to be determined

McKeesport (18-3) vs Upper St. Clair (20-5)
Central Catholic (20-40 v Canon-McMillan (18-7)
North Allegheny (23-2) vs Norwin (19-6)
Moon (18-6) vs Franklin Regional (19-6)

Class AAA

Saturday

Hampton 59, Ringgold 52
Thomas Jefferson 82, Derry 41

First Round

Tuesday

At Ringgold

8 p.m. - Uniontown (18-4) vs Ambridge (9-15)

At Canon-McMillan

8 p.m. - Blackhawk (19-5) vs Laurel Highlands (13-10)

At North Allegheny

8 p.m. - Highlands (19-4) vs Thomas Jefferson (10-13)

At Baldwin

8 p.m. - Greensburg Salem (18-5) vs Montour (14-10)

Wednesday

At Penn State-McKeesport

8 p.m. Belle Vernon Area (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (14-10)

At Hempfield

8 p.m. - Indiana (19-5) vs Steel Valley (16-5)

At North Hills

8 p.m. Chartiers Valley (22-2) vs Mt. Pleasant (10-13)

At Ambridge

8 p.m. Hopewell (18-5) vs Hampton (14-10)

Class AA

Saturday

Center 43, West Shamokin 40
Ford City 73, Mohawk 66
Seton LaSalle 56, Brownsville 44
Shady Side Academy 59, Neshannock 34
Springdale 57, Brentwood 46

Tuesday

Quarterfinals

At Baldwin

5 p.m. - Serra (21-2) vs Trinity Christian (5-16)

Friday

Sites to be detemined

California (16-5) vs Bentworth (16-7)
Lincoln Place (15-6) vs Union (15-6)
St. Joseph (14-10) vs Serra-Trinity Christian winner
Wilkinsburg (13-10) vs Monaca (11-13)

Girls

Class AAAA

Saturday

Butler 36, Hempfield 32
Mt. Lebanon 61, McKeesport 38
Norwin 55, Seneca Valley 25
Peters Township 38, Fox Chapel 35
Upper St. Clair 59, North Allegheny 35

Friday

Quarterfinals

Sites to be determined

Norwin (24-1) vs Oakland Catholic (15-10)
New Castle (19-5) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)
Mt. Lebanon (23-2) vs Woodland Hills (18-7)
Butler (23-2) vs Peters Township (18-7)

Class AAA

Saturday

Derry 48, Keystone Oaks 42
Franklin Regional 44, Mars 38
Highlands 49, Steel Valley 34
Thomas Jefferson 65, Laurel Highlands 54

Tuesday

First Round

At Canon-McMillan

6:30 p.m. - Ringgold (17-7) vs Blackhawk (16-9)

At Baldwin

6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Forward (20-4) vs West Allegheny (13-11)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Hampton (22-2) vs Thomas Jefferson (11-13)

At Ringgold

6:30 p.m. - Mt. Pleasant (17-6) vs Ambridge (15-8)

Wednesday

First Round

At Hempfield

6:30 p.m. - Indiana (21-3) vs Derry (14-10)

At Penn State-McKeesport

6:30 p.m. West Mifflin (21-3) vs Southmoreland (18-6)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (18-6) vs Highlands (15-10)

At Ambridge

6:30 p.m. Hopewell (9-4) vs Franklin Regional (11-14)

Class AA

Saturday

Canevin 64, Mohawk 27
Brownsville 65, Riverview 56
Ford City 53, Deer Lakes 25
Seton-Lasalle 54, Quaker Valley 47
Shady Side Academy 64, Jeannette 48
South Fayette 48, Apollo-Ridge 3
Wilkinsburg 72, Charleroi 44

Tuesday

First Round

At Belle Vernon Area

6:30 p.m. Washington (22-1) vs Seton-LaSalle (14-11)

At West Allegheny

6:30 p.m. Neshannock (16-7) vs South Park (17-8)

At Chartiers Valley

6:30 p.m. - Canevin (19-6) vs Stoner (15-7)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. Beaver (15-6) vs Shady Side Academy (18-7)

Wednesday

First Round

At West Allegheny

6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart (22-1) vs South Fayette (17-8)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. Riverside (17-7) vs Wilkinsburg (12-9)

At Fox Chapel

6:30 p.m. Beaver Falls (15-8) vs Ford City (18-6)

At Baldwin

6:30 p.m. Greensburg Central (16-7) vs Brownsville (16-8)

Class A

Saturday

Geibel 60, Monaca 38
North Catholic 61, Cornell 6
Serra 72, Carmichaels 21

Friday

Quarterfinals

Sites to be determined

Monessen (24-0) vs Geibel (18-6)
North Catholic (21-4) vs Avonworth (13-9)
Serra (16-5) vs Mt. Alvernia (14-8)
Quigley (18-7) vs Vinvention (16-8)

High school lineups

BOYS

Hampton - 79

Madia, 5-8-18; Donegan, 6-1-13; Luther, 6-5-18; Dil, 6-1-13; Wurek, 1-0-3; Otto, 0-2-2; Brown, 1-0-2; Paskorz, 1-1-3; Hanna, 0-2-2; Mall, 0-4-4. Totals: FG - 26, F - 20 (33), T - 79.

Ringgold - 52

Brownlee, 4-3-12-3; Bekavacy, 3-3-0; Bossi, 6-3-15; patch, 1-0-3; Mountain, 1-0-2; Madai, 2-1-7; Rosanovich, 0-0-0; Yost, 0-1-1; Smith, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 18, F - 11 (23), T - 52.

Score by quarters:

Ringgold	9	12	18	13 — 52
Hampton	18	16	18	27 - 79

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Madai 2, Brownlee, Patch, Mountain. Hampton - Madia, Luther, Wurek.

GIRLS

Wilkinsburg - 72

Jackson, 15-4-35; Murray, 1-0-2; Herbert, 4-6-14; Brown, 4-1-9; Patterson, 1-0-8; Jones, 0-0-0; Scruggs, 2-0-5; Houstler, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 26, F - 16 (33), T - 72.

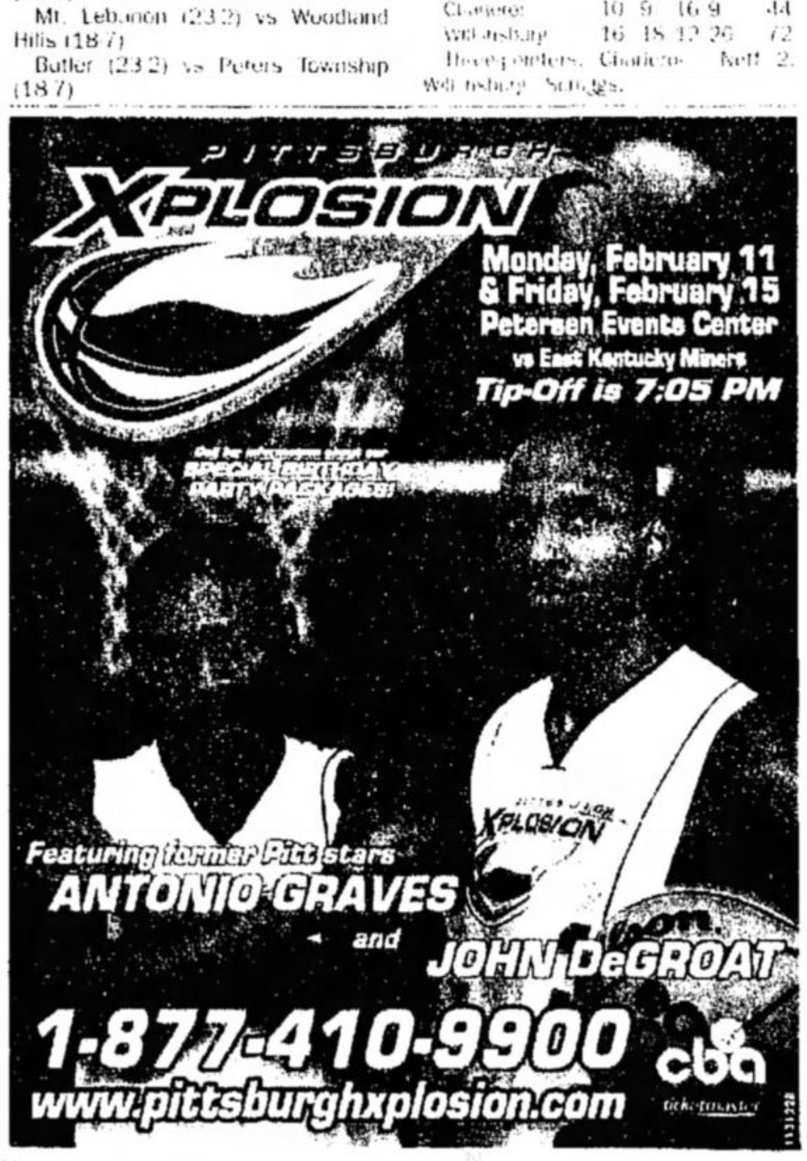
Charleroi - 44

Lee, 1-2-4; Sirbay, 0-0-0; Swanson, 2-3-7; Samoda, 4-0-8; Neff, 7-0-16; Collins, 0-0-0; Mudrick, 0-0-0; Lavarra 2-0-8; Eagley, 0-0-0; Stehley, 0-0-0; Hester 0-0-0; Thorne, 0-1-1. Totals: FG - 16, F - 10 (16), T - 44.

Score by quarters:

Charleroi	10	9	16	9 — 44
Wilkinsburg	16	18	12	26 — 72

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Neff 2. Wilkinsburg - Scruggs.



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Therapist loses effectiveness when patient becomes friend

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend, "Ethel," about whom I'm very worried. She sees a therapist, "Amy," once a week for depression and suicidal thoughts, and while I think it's a wonderful idea, I'm concerned because she has become "friends" with her therapist.

This has gone as far as gift-giving, attending the therapist's wedding, etc. I always thought it was a breach of professional boundaries for a therapist to become friends with his or her patient.

I am the one who gets the 4 a.m. phone calls when Ethel is feeling like the world is ending for her. She says my son and I are the only reason she doesn't do something to herself. When I ask Ethel why she doesn't discuss this with Amy, or call her at 4 a.m., Ethel says she doesn't want to burden her with her problems. She also refers to her appointments as "visiting" with Amy and says that they have lovely talks about Amy's family, etc.

I'm a single mother with a full-time job, taking classes at the university for my MBA. I try to make as much time as I can for Ethel, but I'm worn out and worried about those 4 a.m. phone calls. After seeing this therapist for five years, wouldn't you think Ethel would at least be a little bit better? If anything, I think she's worse.

I have suggested that Ethel find another therapist, but all she says is that Amy is her friend. What else can I do? — **SARA IN SALEM, ORE.**

DEAR SARA: It's apparent that Amy is no longer acting in the role of therapist. And because she has become a friend, Ethel doesn't want to impose upon her with her problems.

The next time Ethel calls you at 4 a.m., tell her that she is calling the wrong person. The things she is telling you are the very things that her therapist needs to know about in order to help her. If Ethel refuses, then tell her that what she needs is a therapist with a fresh approach. If Amy is truly her friend, Amy will understand that and give her a referral while maintaining their personal relationship.

DEAR ABBY: My 4-year-old grandson, "Teddy," is the apple of my eye.

I recently learned that my son-in-law has been taking Teddy hunting for deer and sees no harm in it. At his age, my grandson should be at a petting zoo admiring God's creatures instead of viewing the killing of them.

I have a policy of not interfering with my children in their marriages or how they raise their children. However, if needed, I am always available for advice if asked. Although I have shared my opinion that Teddy is too young, it has fallen on deaf ears.

At age 4, my grandson is too immature to understand the killing. I don't believe that this exposure is good for his psychological development at his tender age. How do I approach my son-in-law about this, and at what age do you think it is appropriate to allow the boy to go hunting? — **CONCERNED GRANDPA IN GREENVILLE, S.C.**

DEAR GRANDPA: It would be interesting to know how your daughter feels about her son going hunting with his dad. While I am not a fan of killing for sport, many people are avid hunters who consume the birds and animals they shoot.

While going on those expeditions at age 4 seems quite young, if your grandson isn't traumatized by the sight of the blood-and-gutting and enjoys the "bonding sessions" with his dad, and his mother has no objection, then I guess he'd old enough to go along — providing he doesn't get in the way and endanger himself.

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MONDAY EVENING — FEB. 11, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N)/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men	How I Met Your Mother "I'm Not That Guy" Lawyer courts Marshall.	Welcome to the Captain "Weekend at Saul's" Josh invites Hope over. (N)	Two and a Half Men "Putting Swim Fins on a Cat" Charlie baby-sits.	The New Adventures of Old Christine Plastic surgery. (N)	CSI: Miami "Inside Out" Horatio's son is missing after a deadly prison break.		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman OK Go performs. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Julie Chen. (N)		(2) Extra/ (7) The Insider/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond Early retirement.	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Eric enjoys a surprise party.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann (N)			Notes From the Underbelly "The List" (N)	October Road "We Lived Like Giants" A road trip to find the woman who saved Owen's life. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) Paid/ (23) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! "Teen Tournament" (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	American Gladiators In the conclusion of the semifinals, four contenders return to face off for a spot in the finals. (N)			Deal or No Deal Eleven $1 million cases on the board. (N)			News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Chris Ferguson; Johnny Chan; Berry Johnston; Jamie Gold; Phil Hellmuth; Huck Seed. (N)	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld George's assistant is a turn-on.	Prison Break "Hell or High Water" Not everyone makes it out of Sona. (N)		Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles "Queen's Gambit" Sarah meets a stranger. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Elaine breaks up with her beau.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) The Big Hit/ (53) Scrubs Feeling guilty, J.D. can't sleep.	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida" (N)		The Mormons Mormon past, science, doctrines.				Charlie Rose (N)		On Q	Black Horizons	Nature "Crash: A Tale of Two Species"		Masterpiece "Pride and Prejudice" (N)	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Gossip Girl "Poison Ivy"		Girlfriends (N)	Girlfriends (N)	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park "Free Willzyx"	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Celebrity Exposé (N)		Paradise Hotel 2 (N)		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Belle & the Beast: A Christian Romance			Life Message	Origins	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Joyce Meyer	Focus 4		In-Crosshairs	Myles Munroe
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Wooly Boys (2001)				Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami		Intervention Alcohol or family.		Intervention		Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Paranormal	Intervention Alcohol or family.		Intervention		Paranormal	Paranormal
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	Kyle XY (N)		Wildfire "Flames" (N)		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Kyle XY		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
AMC	★ ★ Striking Distance (1993)				★ ★ ★ Troy (2004) Achilles leads Greek forces in the Trojan War.							★ ★ ½ Hamburger Hill (1987) Recruits try to take muddy hill in Vietnam.					★ ★ Force 10 From Navarone	
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Last Maneater		Escape to Chimp Eden		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Escape to Chimp Eden		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Last Maneater	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear		Top Gear	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Hell Date	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Comicview		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BETJ Special	BETJ Special
BRAVO	The Millionaire Matchmaker		Inside the Actors Studio		Project Runway		Project Runway		Outrageous Bravo Moments		Lipstick Jungle "Pilot"		Outrageous Bravo Moments		The Millionaire Matchmaker		The Millionaire Matchmaker	
CMT	Gone Country		Gone Country	Gone Country	Crossroads		Eagles Uncut	Simon Cowell	Cable Guy	Gone Country		Gone Country	Gone Country	My Truck	My Truck	My Truck	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show The 132nd edition.				Mad Money		Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show The 132nd edition.				Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ ★ Scorched (2002)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Mencia	Mencia
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Suburban	Suburban	Suburban	Suburban	The Investigators		Ocean Force	Ocean Force	Suburban	Suburban	Suburban	Suburban
CSPAN	Today in Washington				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	Mega-Excavators		The Ice Hotel		Extreme Engineering		MythBusters		Mega-Excavators		The Ice Hotel		Extreme Engineering	
DISNEY	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ ★ Stuart Little 2 (2002)			Minuscule	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Britney-Siege	Wild Cop	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Fashion Police (N)		Live From the Red Carpet (N)		Fashion Police		E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Match	The Soup	Britney-Siege	Snoop Father	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Villanova at Georgetown.				College Basketball Kansas at Texas.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Gamenight	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing: Larios vs. Vazquez		Who's No. 1?		American Gladiators		Bull Riding		The Contender		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now		Women's College Basketball Rutgers at Tennessee.				2005 World Series of Poker				College Basketball St. Mary's at Santa Clara.				ESPNU Inside the Polls (N)		NASCAR Now	
EWTN	Lourdes	Mary Mtn	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Letter-Spirit	Holy Rosary	Abundant Life		The World Over		Daily Mass: Our Lady		The Journey Home		Best of Mother Angelica Live	
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live "Divine Desserts"		Good Eats	Secret Life of	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Pens Rewind	Savran on SportsBeat		Panthers	Toughest Cowboy		Best Damn Poker Show (N)		SportsBeat	Final Score	Best Damn Poker Show		Final Score	Best Damn Poker Show		Pens Rewind	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★ ★ ½ Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005)				★ ★ The Punisher (2004) An FBI agent seeks revenge for the murder of his family.							★ ★ The Crow: Salvation (2000)				'70s Show	Paid	CorEvolution
GOLF	Play Lessons	Golf Hawaii	2008 PGA Merchandise Show		Top 10	Golf Central	PGA Championship Highlights		The Turn (N)	Learning	Lessons	Golf Central	Golf Hawaii	Road Trip	The Turn	Learning	Lessons	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		High Stakes Poker		Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		★ ★ Rose Hill (1997)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Offbeat Amer.	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me (N)	House	My First Place	Designed-Sell	Color Splash	Hid Potential	Hid Potential	House	Buy Me
HIST	Tales of the Gun		Modern Marvels "Nuts"		Modern Marvels "Acid"		Cities of the Underworld (N)		Ancient Discoveries (N)		Hooked: Illegal Drugs		Modern Marvels "Acid"		Cities of the Underworld		Ancient Discoveries	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba "Pilot"	Reba	★ What Girls Learn (2001)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Paid
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Raw "Hell in a Cell"		MSNBC Investigates		Countdown-Olbermann		Lockup: Raw "Hell in a Cell"		MSNBC Investigates	
MTV	True Life		True Life		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4 (N)		Real World-Road Rules		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4		America's Best Dance Crew	
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101	Ned's School	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Janice Dickinson Modeling		The Tyra Banks Show		★ ★ ½ I'm With Lucy (2002)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs										PA Public Affairs				Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	News	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Jericho "Pilot"		Jericho "Fallout"		Jericho "Four Horsemen"		Jericho "Walls of Jericho"		Tactics	Tactics	Noein	Noein	Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Three of a Kind"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★ ★ ★ The Hunt for Red October (1990)					CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager		Blade: The Series "Sacrifice"		Blade: Series
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex and City	Sex and City	★ ★ ★ The Pelican Brief (1993)					The Client
TCM	★ ★ ★ ½ Meet John Doe (1941)				★ ★ ★ ★ It Happened One Night (1934)				★ ★ ★ ★ Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936)				★ ★ ★ ½ The Awful Truth (1937)			★ ★ ★ Carefree (1938)		
TLC	Property Ladder		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Raising 16 Children		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Raising 16 Children		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
TNT	Law & Order "Suicide Box"		Law & Order "Fear America		Law & Order "Sects"		Law & Order "Fame"		Law & Order "Fixed"		The Closer "About Face"		Without a Trace		Without a Trace "Confidence"		Without a Trace "Prodigy"	
TOON	Scooby Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Gym Partner	Johnny Test	Grim Advent.	Courage-Dog	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Death Note	Bleach	Fooly Cooly	Family Guy	Boondocks
TRAVEL	Hawaii's National Parks		Hawaii Do's and Don'ts		Michael Palin's New Europe		Living With the Mek Tribe		Anthony Bourdain		Hawaii Do's and Don'ts		Michael Palin's New Europe		Living With the Mek Tribe		Anthony Bourdain	
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Designing	Designing	Designing	Designing	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Westminster Dog Show		WWE Monday Night Raw				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Monk Monk's insomnia.		Into the Sun (2005)	
VH1	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		The Flavor of Love (N)		Salt N Pepa	The Flavor of Love		Salt N Pepa	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Scott Baio	My Fair Brady	Celebrity Rehab	
VS.	Holy ...!	Holy ...!	NHL Hockey Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars.					Hockey	World Extreme Cagefighting				WEC WrekCage		World Extreme Cagefighting			
WE	Bridezillas		The Wedding Place		Beach Weddings		Wedding Cake Masters		Celebrity Wedding Gowns		Bridezillas		Bridezillas		Celebrity Wedding Gowns		The Wedding Place	
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★ ★ ½ Three Men and a Little Lady (1990)				★ ★ Little Man (2006)			★ ★ I'm Gonna Git You Sucka (1988)			★ ★ Derailed (2005)				★ ½ Diabolique (1996)			
HBO	Justin Timberlake: FutureSex/LoveShow				Real Time With Bill Maher		In Treatment	In Treatment	REAL Sports		Countdown	Comedy Jam	★ ★ ★ Breach (2007)				Justin Timberlake	
MAX	★ ★ Hard to Kill (1990)		★ ★ Final Destination 3 (2006)			★ ★ Reno 911!: Miami (2007)			★ ★ Pathfinder (2007)			★ ★ ★ Blood Diamond (2006)						Bare Naked Desires (2007)	
SHOW	★ ★ ★ Down in the Valley (2005)				★ ★ Sliding Doors (1998)				The L Word		★ ★ ½ Puccini for Beginners (2006)			★ ★ ½ Beautiful Girls (1996)				Barely Legal
STARZ	Stomp Yard	Head Case	Hollywd Rs.	★ ★ Fun With Dick & Jane (2005)			★ ★ ½ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006)				★ ★ ½ Stomp the Yard (2007)				★ ★ ★ Marie Antoinette (2006)			
TMC	★ ★ One Last Thing ... (2005)				★ ★ Aeon Flux (2005)			★ ★ Star Trek: Insurrection (1998)				.45 (2006)			Death to the Supermodels (2005)		UKM: Ultimate	

ENGAGEMENTS

Shutterly-Ranallo

The engagement of Jennifer Shutterly and Cory Ranallo has been announced.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Scott and Chris Shutterly, of Webster (Rostraver Township). She is a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She is employed as the marketing support representative for Canon Business Solutions.

Her fiance is the son of Carol Voelker, of Monessen, and Jack Ranallo, of Fairmont, W.Va. He is a graduate of Charleroi Area High School and is employed as the operations manager for Clicks Document Management.

A December 2008 wedding is planned in Resurrection Church, Brookline.

Cory Ranallo & Jennifer Shutterly

WEDDINGS

Amos-Baron

Gina Marie Baron and Kenneth Paul Amos were united in marriage on Sept. 14, 2007, during a 5 p.m. ceremony performed by the Rev. Charles Esposito in St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, Belle Vernon.

A reception was held at the Willow Room in Rostraver Township.

The bride is the daughter of Andrew and Justina Baron, of Belle Vernon, and the groom is the son of Louis and Jeannette Amos, of Ellsworth, and Fran and Kim Pietrowski, of Washington, Pa.

Heather Trunick, of Pittsburgh, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Amos, of Washington, sister of the groom; Kristen Belsick, of State College, Stefani Rock, of Cleveland, Ohio, Christine Hutzell, of Somerset, and Angela Petro, of Pittsburgh.

Flower girl was Sarah Scicchitano, of Ellsworth, niece of the groom, and ring bearer was Caleb Gohringer, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Robert Dulina, of Savannah, Ga. Groomsmen were Gabriel Baron, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Geoffrey Baron, of Rockville, Md., brothers of the bride; Brad Altieri, of Canonsburg, Matthew Steede, of Senoia, Ga., and Chris Petro, of Pittsburgh.

The bride is a graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School and received her

Kenneth and Gina Amos

bachelor's degree from Allegheny College in Meadville and her master's degree from Duquesne University. She is currently employed by PNC Bank in Pittsburgh as an operations security consultant.

The groom is employed by American General Insurance Company in Pittsburgh.

Following a honeymoon at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and a Disney cruise, the couple is residing in Whitehall.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Speers Civic Club

The January meeting of the Speers Civic Club was held at the Speers Borough Building Jan. 28. President Norma Stack opened the meeting with the flag salute and the club collect. Secretary Ann Rongus read the minutes from the previous meeting and called the roll. Mary Elizabeth Fisher provided the treasurer's report.

Corresponding Secretary Judy Curl read thank you cards from Make A Wish and the American Red Cross. Eleanor Farner reported that she had sent six cards to residents of Speers and Mapleview. There were no other committee reports.

A luncheon and bake sale will be held in the hall at the Speers Borough Building on Election Day, April 22.

The kitty was won by Irma Fretz and door prizes were won by Judy Curl, Fretz, Eleanor Farner, and Norma Stack.

All women living in Speers or Mapleview are invited to join the club. Meetings are held 7 p.m. the last Monday of the month. Any club member can be contacted for information. The club sponsors many activities: Halloween parade, Christmas party for the children, blood drives, luncheon and bake sale on Election Day and a baby shower where the items are given to a local shelter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

The social committee Stella Pezzino, Farner, and Catherine Johnston served refreshments.

BIRTHS

■ **Kondratowicz** – Diane L. and John E., Monongahela, a daughter, Anna Dawn, Feb. 1, 2008, Magee-Womens Hospital, Pittsburgh. Maternal grandmother is Marlene Brevko, of Finleyville. Paternal grandparents are Mary and Robert Kondratowicz, of Monongahela. The couple also has daughters Adri Lyn, 4, and Ava Rose, 3.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another. *Today's clue: A equals P*

"HR GJY NHZU TJNC PFL OHBWNHG JO ZBOL GJY EYRP RELZZ PFL WJRLR, OJW GJY JCZG DLP PJ AZHG JCL WJYCT." - VLC FJDHC

PREVIOUS SOLUTION -- "Bugs Bunny is who we'd most like to be, Daffy Duck is probably who we are." - Cartoonist Chuck Jones

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CALENDAR WATCH

Tuesday

■ Monessen School Board meeting, elementary center board room, 7:30 p.m.

■ RSDS Support Group meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 11 a.m.

■ Pike Run 4-H Club meeting, Grace United Methodist Church, Coal Center, 7 p.m.

■ Twilight Borough Council meeting, borough building, 7 p.m.

■ Valentine Night Hike, Mingo Creek County Park, 6:30 p.m.

■ Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce chamber luncheon, Charleroi Elks Club, 11:45 a.m.

■ Corning Glass Retirees meeting, Riverside Place, Charleroi, 2 p.m.

■ New Eagle AARP meeting, VFW hall, 1 p.m.

■ Free tax preparation for low or medium income with special preference to ages 60 and over, Monessen Senior Center, (724) 684-6105.

■ Clothing ministry, Fellowship Baptist Church, Monessen, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Valentine's dance set in Monessen

The Monessen Eagles will host a Valentine's dance 9:30 p.m. Friday. DJ Pat will provide music.

Fish frys planned at St. Spyridon

A fish fry will be held 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday during Lent at St. Spyridon's Hellenic Center, Monessen.

Lenten fish frys set in Rostraver

Rostraver Central Volunteer Fire Company, 1100 Fells Church Road, Rostraver Township, will host a Lenten fish fry 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday during Lent. For takeouts, call (724) 379-5036.

Grant-writing seminar planned

Representatives from Congressman John P. Murtha's Office will host a seminar in the 12th Congressional District offering grant writing information and instruction for the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters grants. The seminar is open to all fire departments, EMS organizations, state, borough and township elected officials within the 12th Congressional District to help those who apply for the yearly Assistance Firefighters grant. As part of the seminar, the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA-RD) will also be on hand to describe its Community Facilities program. The seminar will be held 6 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Donora Hire Hall, 603 Meldon Avenue. For information contact Matt Mazonkey at (202) 225-2065 or e-mail matthewhazonkey@mail.house.gov.

Weekly fish fry planned in Webster

Rostraver Volunteer Fire Department No. 1, Route 906, Webster, will host a Lenten fish fry 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Friday through Lent. The menu will include fish dinners, fish sandwiches, shrimp dinners, French fries, cole slaw, macaroni and cheese, haluski and pierogies. Deliveries are available. For takeouts, call (724) 379-7838.

Easter bake sale set at St. John

St. John the Divine Orthodox Church, First Street and McKee Avenue, Monessen, will hold an advance order Easter bake sale. Order deadline is March 1. Nut, apricot, poppyseed rolls and Pascha (Easter bread) are available. To order or for information, call (724) 684-9083 or (724) 684-4742. Pickup date is 3:30 to 6 p.m. March 13.

Frugal Living

Use up common foods before they go bad

Sara **NOEL**

We've all been there. You've got too many bananas, eggs or zucchini, and the excess is threatening to rot in your pantry. While some families are used to a week of turkey after Thanksgiving, they might not appreciate a week of scrambled eggs. Often, the food can be frozen and used later, but it's wise to have a few ideas for backup meals so you don't waste food and money.

BANANAS: Once these are overripe, you won't want to eat them plain. Some people freeze them, but they tend to discolor and get mushy. A little lemon juice can help. You can freeze them with the peels still on, but you'll have to thaw them before peeling. Many people prefer using them right away. Try making muffins, bread, smoothies, pancakes, cookies, pudding, frosting, cakes or simply spread it on sandwiches with peanut butter.

BANANA FROSTING

2 large ripe bananas, mashed
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/4 cup butter
3-1/2 cups powdered sugar

Mix together bananas and lemon juice. In a separate bowl, beat butter until soft and creamy. Gradually and alternately add powdered sugar and banana mixture to butter and beat until fluffy.

— submitted by Kim S., Nebraska

MASHED POTATOES: Who hasn't made too much mashed potatoes? You can freeze them and add them to soups as a thickener. You might not like the texture of mashed potatoes once it has been frozen. Try adding 1 egg for every 2 cups of potatoes for better results. You can make potato patties by adding an egg, shaping into patties, dredging in flour and frying them, or roll them in cornflakes, cut into small sections and fry for mock tater tots.

ZUCCHINI: This freezes well shredded or sliced. Great grilled, in casseroles, breaded and fried, or use in quick breads, muffins and cookies. Grate them and add them to your ground turkey when you make turkey burgers. It's wonderful in scrambled eggs and dessert, too.

ZUCCHINI COBBLER

8 cups chopped, seeded, peeled zucchini (about 3 pounds)
2/3 cups lemon juice
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Crust:
3 cups flour
1 cup oats
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1-1/2 cups cold butter
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Preheat oven to 375 F. In a large saucepan, cook and stir zucchini and lemon juice for 15 minutes on medium heat. Stir in sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Let simmer for a minute. Remove from heat. For crust, combine flour, oats and sugars in a bowl; cut in butter until mixture resembles course crumbs. Stir 1/2 cup into zucchini mixture. Press half of remaining crust mixture into a greased 9-by-9-by-1-1/2-inch pan. Spread zucchini mixture over top; crumble remaining crust mixture over zucchini. Sprinkle with cinnamon and nutmeg. Bake at 375 F for 35 minutes or until golden.

— submitted by Jeanieb, Pennsylvania

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NEWS

Winehouse wins five Grammys

Stuck in England, the singer did not attend the awards event.

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES – Trapped half a world away by the place she promised to never "go, go, go," a vibrant, exuberant Amy Winehouse dominated the Grammys on Sunday night, winning five awards and delivering a defiant performance of her autobiographical hit "Rehab" via satellite from London.

Winehouse, nominated for six awards, lost the final prize in a shocker when Herbie Hancock took album of the year for "River: The Joni Letters."

"You know it's been 43 years since the first and only time that a jazz artist got the album of the year award," Hancock said, then proceeded to honor "the giants upon whose shoulders I stand, some of whom like Miles Davis, John Coltrane ... unquestionably deserved the award in the past. But this is a new day, that proves that the impossible can be made possible."

For a while it seemed impossible that Winehouse would perform at all. She recently entered a drug rehabilitation center after months of erratic behavior and canceled performances, not to mention the anthemic "no, no, no" resistance of her hit song.

As the ceremony approached, suspense built over whether her drug troubles would cost her a work visa. When her visa application was rejected Thursday, Grammy producers arranged for her to perform remotely. On Friday, the U.S. government reversed itself and approved the visa, but it was too late for her to make the cross-continental trek.

So she took the stage at almost 4 a.m. London time before a small cabaret audience, wearing a sly smile as she performed a sultry, soulful rendition of the hit that has defined her recent fall from grace. She looked just as coy as she sang the song "You Know I'm No Good" – almost reveling in the irony of her words.

Associated Press

Herbie Hancock accepts the award Sunday for album of the year at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Shortly afterward, Winehouse seemed dumbfounded when she was announced as the record of the year winner. She was immediately enveloped by her band, then her mother and father, who have publicly worried whether the 24-year-old artist would survive her demons.

"I am so proud of this album," Winehouse told The Associated Press in a statement. "I put my heart and soul into it and it's wicked to be recognized in this way. I feel truly honored to be mentioned in the same breath as many of the artists present tonight and to win is even more amazing!"

Her five awards were the most of the night, and included wins for best new artist, song of the year, pop vocal album and female pop vocal performance.

Winehouse's performance was not the only dramatic moment of the night.

Kanye West, who had a leading eight nominations and won four trophies, delivered an electric, glow-in-the-dark rendition of "Stronger," then segued into a stirring tribute to his mother, Donda West, who died unexpectedly last year at age 58 after undergoing plastic surgery.

"Last night I saw you in my dreams, and now I can't wait to go to sleep," sang West, dressed in black and with MAMA etched into his haircut, as he launched into "Hey Mama," a celebratory tune from his second album that has now turned into a somber ode.

West won awards for best rap album for "Graduation," best solo performance for "Stronger," best rap song for "Good Life" and best rap performance by a duo or group for his collaboration with Common on "Southside."

While West was accepting the best rap album trophy, the orchestra tried to play him off the stage as he began speaking about his mother.

"It would be in good taste to stop the music," West said – and the music stopped.

"I know you're really proud of me right now and I know you want me to be the No. 1 artist in the world and Mama," West continued, "all I'm going to do is keep making you proud. We run this."

The Grammys, celebrating its 50th year, emphasized its history from the first performance. Alicia Keys, glammed-up with a '50s style, sat at the piano and sang "Learnin' the Blues" along with a black-and-white video performance from the late Frank Sinatra.

"Frank Sinatra looked good for 150, didn't he," Prince joked moments later before introducing Keys as the best female R&B vocal winner for her smash "No One."

Later, the casts from Cirque Du Soleil's "Love" Beatles' show and the Beatles-inspired movie "Across the Universe" paid tribute to the Fab Four as Ringo Starr, Yoko Ono and George Harrison's widow Olivia Harrison watched from the audience.

It was a hot-legs competition when Tina Turner teamed up with Beyonce on "Proud Mary." The senior citizen kept up with her younger counterpart, showcasing her famous dance moves while wearing a tight-fitting silver bustier and pantsuit.

Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats" earned two Grammys, including for best female country vocal performance. Bruce Springsteen took three awards, including best rock song for "Radio Nowhere." Other winners included the White Stripes, Justin Timberlake and Mary J. Blige with two each, the Foo Fighters and even Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama for best spoken-word album.

The last jazz album to win album of the year (not counting pop-jazz singer Norah Jones' "Come Away With Me") was "Getz/Gilberto," a collaboration between Stan Getz and Joao Gilberto, in 1964.

In any other year, West would have been the main story line thanks to his history of awards-show tirades, his huge album "Graduation" and the shocking death of his mother. But Winehouse's drama upstaged West and everyone else.

Many artists expressed support for her, such as Grammy-winner Chaka Khan, who admitted having her own problems in the spotlight during her long career.

"She's walking her walk. We all have a walk in life, we have hard and difficult times and going through that chaos often leads to clarity," Khan said... "We have to have that room and that space, that privacy time, to be able to walk your walk, make your mistakes and come out of it. It will make you stronger."

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Writers strike likely to end

LOS ANGELES (AP) – TV producers say they expect writers to return to work as early as Wednesday now that the Writers Guild of America has moved to end its three-month-old strike.

On Sunday, guild leaders recommended a tentative three-year contract to members and asked them to vote separately on a quick end to the walkout.

Membership meetings will be held Tuesday in New York and Los Angeles, said Patric Verrone, president of the guild's West Coast branch.

"This is the best deal this guild has bargained for in 30 years," Verrone said.

The tentative contract secures writers a share of the burgeoning digital-media market, he said, including compensation for Internet-delivered TV shows and movies.

'Jaws' cop dead at 75

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) – Roy Scheider, a two-time Oscar nominee best known for his role as a police chief in the blockbuster movie "Jaws," died Sunday. He was 75.

Scheider died at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences hospital in Little Rock, hospital spokesman David Robinson said. The hospital did not release a cause of death.

Hospital spokeswoman Leslie Taylor said Scheider had been treated for multiple myeloma at the hospital's Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy for the past two years.

He was nominated for a best-supporting actor Oscar in 1971's "The French Connection" in which he played the police partner of Oscar winner Gene Hackman and for best-actor for 1979's "All That Jazz," the autobiographical Bob Fosse film.

However, he was best known for his role in Steven Spielberg's 1975 killer shark thriller.

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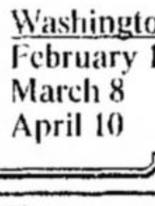

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Praise, politeness and tact always work very well for you when dealing with others, especially those who can be hard to handle. If the aforementioned attributes are missing, you'll regrettably put your foot in it.

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INVITATION TO BID

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A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on February 19, 2008, at 2:00 P.M. in the Belle Vernon Area School District Administration Building.

Envelopes containing proposals shall be sealed and clearly marked with the project name and contract discipline.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, bank cashier's or trust company, treasurer's check, or approved surety company's bid bond made payable to the Belle Vernon Area School District in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the base bid.

Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Bidder's proposal shall be for the following:

CONTRACT NO. 1 General Construction Work and incidental items necessary to complete the construction of the Project.

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The project is expected to reach substantial completion by August 15, 2008.

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Copies of the documents may be obtained from Celli-Flynn Brennan on Friday, February 8, 2008 by depositing with the Architect $200.00 in the form of a check made payable to Celli-Flynn Brennan for each set of contract documents obtained. If documents are to be mailed, a separate check to cover the cost for postage and handling must be remitted in the amount of $10.00 per set.

If the documents are returned in good condition within seven (7) days after the opening of bids and a proposal is submitted, the amount of the deposit will be refunded to each actual bidder. If the documents are returned in poor condition (specifications unbound, drawings marked up) and are not returned within the time stated or a proposal not submitted, the entire amount of the deposit will be forfeited.

The Belle Vernon Area School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or parts thereof, or items therein, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in bidding.

No bid or part, or parts thereof, or items therein, shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Owner.

BELLE VERNON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
James M. McKevitt, Board Secretary
2/8,11,18

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Specifications and bid documents are available in the District Administration Office located at 270 Crest Avenue, Belle Vernon, PA 15012-4200; phone 724-929-5262 Extension 312.

Sealed bids must be in the hands of the Board Secretary or his authorized representative by 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Monday, March 3, 2008. Any bid(s) received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder unopened.

The Belle Vernon Area School District Board of Education reserves the right to: (1) accept or reject any or all bids; and (2) waive any technicalities or informalities in any bid.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
James M. McKevitt
Board Secretary
2/1,4,11

NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be received by the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit to upgrade the media and technology presentation equipment for Blue Room 1 and 2. Site visit required prior to bid submission. Specifications and instructions are available from the Personnel Office, 102 Equity Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 or call 724-836-2460 ext 2262. All bids must specifically identify the bid on the outside of the envelope and be delivered to the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit at the above address no later than 4:00 p.m. prevailing time on Friday, February 15, 2008. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 18, 2008 in the Board Room of the WIU at the above address. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or part of any bid.

Joseph R. Paulisick
Director of Human Resources and Management Services
1/30,2/5,11

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2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "Meat" for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M., prevailing time, on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office, Suite 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted).

Washington County will not be responsible for any incorrect information obtained from any source other than from Washington County.

All bids must be submitted as ONE ORIGINAL + 3 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

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DIANA L. IREY

ATTEST:

MARY E. HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
2/11,18

2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Monessen intends to adopt at it's Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 the following ordinance:

"An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 10 of 2000 of the City of Monessen to Regulate the Disposal of Recyclable Material Within the City, Setting New Penalty Provisions for Violation of the City's Recycling Ordinance."

A full text of the ordinance may be viewed anytime prior to the meeting between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday-Friday in the City Clerk's Office of the Municipal Building.

Rosalie Nicksich
City Clerk
2/11

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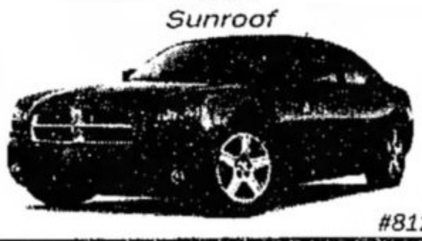
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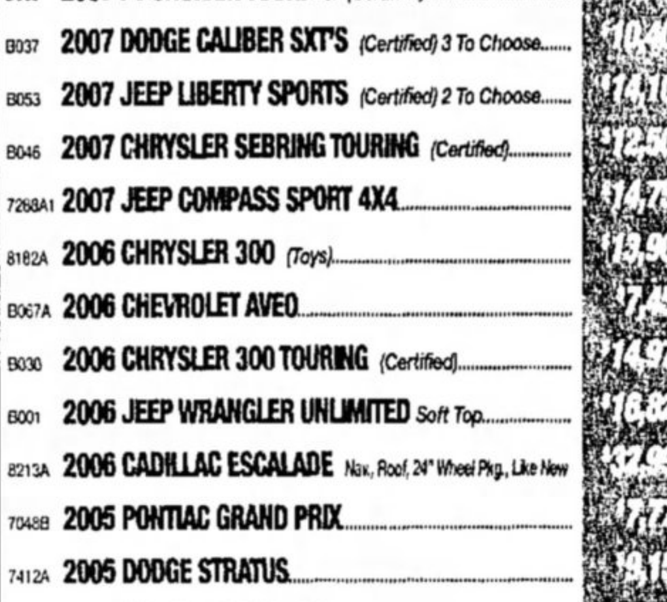

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2008 to be exciting year in Monessen

Many exciting thing will be happening in Monessen as the weather begins to warm up. According to Mayor Anthony Petaccia, the new River Walk Project just received DEP approval. There will be a walking path near the new Green Energy Building along the riverfront.

This will open up to the public for the first time this area of the river. Trees will be planted, a fence installed, picnic tables, and landscaping. This will be a beautiful area to eat your lunch and enjoy the great outdoors.

Petaccia also reports the new boat launch will be open this summer. New restrooms have been installed and this will be the premier boat launch on this section of the Mon. This will be the site of the Chambers Father Day's Fishing Derby.

The city will be even safer with the addition of new equipment for the Police Department and camera at the city's parks.

There will be a major paving project on Grand Boulevard and many other projects by the street department.

There are many other things that will be announced in the future. Working together we can "make Monessen a better place to live, work and conduct business."

What's new in Monessen?

Discover Monessen this Valentine's Day

Each month there will be information in the circular about the exciting choices available in Monessen. Since Valentine's Day is right around the corner, here are some places of interest.

Felicia's Restaurant and Lounge is now located in the Old Italian Hall at 450 Schoonmaker Ave. They specialize in old world Italian recipes as well as classic American favorites. They are open seven days a week for lunch and dinner. You can enjoy a different special every day. During Lent, there will be a nice selection of fish and seafood. For Valentine's Day, they will have their chocolate fountain available for their customers. This will be available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Felicia's also has a beautiful banquet room available for your meetings and private parties. Why not stop in today and enjoy a delicious meal?

Cousins Floral Shoppe is located at 277 Schoonmaker Ave. They are a full service flower and gift shop that has been in business for over 40 years. If your floral needs are sympathy, birthday, wedding, anniversary, holiday or just because, Cousins can help you choose just the right arrangement from a wide variety. They carry fresh-cut flowers, plants, silk arrangements, angels or religious throws. Free delivery is available to local funeral homes. Stop in or call Janet Ratica at (724) 684-7407 for all of your floral needs.

La Eda's Restaurant has been located in the Park Shopping Centre since 1990. The menu specializes in homemade meat and cheese ravioli and gnocchi. Their sauce recipe is from Gerry's grandmother, the late Julia Duronio. They are one of the few restaurants in the Valley that still makes tripe, which many customers enjoy. La Eda's menu includes appetizers, salads and antipasta made with delicious house dressing. Assorted pasta dishes and veal, chicken and fish are offered. They have many other items including pizza from fresh-made dough. Takeout is available.

Your taste buds won't be the only things working overtime. After enjoying a fine meal at La Eda's leave room for a delicious piece of pie or cake. Remember, "He who eats well, lives well!" (Chi mangia, vive bene" — Proverbio Italiano.)

In the last three years, **First Federal Savings Bank**, headquartered at 6th and Donner Streets, has transformed itself to a full-service community bank. First Federal is the only bank headquartered in Monessen. Founded in 1922, there are nine branches located throughout the Mon Valley, central Washington county, Perryopolis and Uniontown.

First Federal's 93 employees average more than 20 years of banking experience. The employees are committed to superior service, recognizing that your financial success depends on them.

First Federal offers products that are uncomplicated as well as competitively priced. For individuals, simplified checking accounts, savings and money market accounts, as well as certificates of deposit are on the menu. Home mortgage and home equity loans are readily available. One-day approvals are the norm.

There are additional products for small businesses. More than 40 of its customers now use remote deposit to handle the daily task of making deposits without going to the Bank. Lines of credit and other commercial loans are also specialties of the house. Eight months ago, the bank introduced a niche product for the medical services industry called MedCash. This unique product is only offered by First Federal in this market.

First Federal employees are committed to community service as well. They volunteer countless hours to charities, sports leagues, Chambers of Commerce, United Way, Junior Achievement, Rotary, Boy Scouts, YMCA Community Foundations, Hospital Foundations, senior citizen housing and health care.

Stop in to either the Main Office on Donner Avenue or the Park Centre branch or call (724) 684-6800.

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What's new in Monessen?

Easter at the Pumpkin Patch

Join us as we remember Jesus and his journey to the cross during this year's Passion Week Event at the Giant Pumpkin Patch which will begin on Palm Sunday, March 16.

The American Medical Community Foundation, Inc of Monessen is planning a live, outdoor, passion play at the Giant Pumpkin Patch located at the corner of Summit and Alexander Avenues in Monessen.

The Passion Week Event will begin with a live re-enactment of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The event will continue with a live re-enactment of the Last Supper and the walk to Golgotha as Jesus takes up his cross for our sins on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

In order to make this event possible, we will need a lot of help. The American Medical Community Foundation is seeking the involvement of all local churches, schools, choirs, dance troops, community service organizations, and social clubs. We will need actors, singers, musicians, and dancers. We will also need people to assist with sets/set design, props, costumes, and an array of organizational jobs.

Watch as the Giant Pumpkin Patch transforms into old Jerusalem, walk the road to the cross with Jesus, listen to the beautiful voices of children singing, and embrace the message of the Gospel.

The Passion Week at the Giant Pumpkin Patch will embrace all forms of art and media to get across Jesus' amazing story of salvation. If you have a talent to share, please do not hesitate to contact us.

There will also be a children's choir — so please encourage all of the children you know to participate.

Please feel free to call us (724) 684-4550 or e-mail amcfinc@comcast.net should you have any questions or desire more information. To learn more about our organization, please feel free to visit our Web site at www.americanmedicalcommunityfoundation.com.

Won't You Be My Neighbor Days

Monessen Public Library and District Center is pleased to have Cassandra Vivian to speak March 15 at 1 p.m. She will talk about Monessen's neighborhoods.

Cassandra is a noted author and lecturer. She has written several books on Monessen, the Mon Valley area and her Italian heritage.

Story Hour will be held in the Children's area at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Families are welcome to stop by and listen to "The New Baby" and "Making Friends," both written by Fred Rogers.

A pizza party will be held in the upper level of the library for those families that come and help celebrate "Won't You Be My Neighbor Days."

The library will be collecting new and slightly used sweaters for the week of March 9-22.

Drop off your sweaters at the front desk. All will be given to the Salvation Army in Monessen.

Ad slogans from 1908

These are advertising slogans used by Monessen stores in 1908.

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Max Janavitz, Milliner, Schoonmaker – "Something Different, Something Better for the Money."

July 22 is Kennywood Day

This year's Kennywood Community Picnic Day will be July 22. For more than 100 years our community has been enjoying a fun day at the park. Mark your calendars now so that you can be a part of the excitement. As always, we will have discount tickets available to save you money.

Lenten fish sale

St. Spyridon Greek Church will be holding a fish dinner sale at the church every Friday during Lent. Hours are from 11 until 7. Stop up and enjoy this delicious meal.

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Stars of the unbeaten Lady Greyhounds include Samone Stepoli, above, Christina Chukwuedo, center, and Jessica Beveridge, right.

Lady Hounds wrap up unbeaten season

The Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce and the entire city would like to congratulate the undefeated Lady Hounds.

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